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Session 1: Word List

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

snowflake

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym: flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

calve

v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

synonym: give birth, break off, splinter

(1) **calve** from the glacier, (2) **calve** early in the morning

As global temperatures rise, more icebergs **calve** off from the polar ice caps.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody
synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
synonym : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from

Ireland in the 1800s.

continuation

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

synonym: continuance

(1) **continuation** ceremony, (2) **continuation** of trial

The present economic policy is a **continuation** of the preceding one.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. con_____ion of trial | <i>n.</i> the act of carrying something on over time without interruption |
| 2. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re | <i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work |
| 3. cr_____e to dust | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support |
| 4. is_____e a compound | <i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things |
| 5. po_____it of a well-known figure | <i>n.</i> a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face |
| 6. make dr_____ic changes | <i>adj.</i> very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement |
| 7. r__l a ball | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 8. an_____t stories | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |
| 9. no_____h hope | <i>v.</i> to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy |
| 10. in_____ct with one another | <i>v.</i> to communicate or react with somebody |
| 11. eloquently art_____te | <i>v.</i> to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language |

ANSWERS: 1. continuation, 2. atmosphere, 3. crumble, 4. isolate, 5. portrait, 6. dramatic, 7. roll, 8. ancient, 9. nourish, 10. interact, 11. articulate

12. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
13. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
14. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
15. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
16. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
17. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
18. gl_____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
19. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
20. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
21. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 12. atmosphere, 13. interconnect, 14. occasion, 15. dizzy, 16. glacier, 17. separate, 18. glacier, 19. snowflake, 20. interconnect, 21. interact

22. wi____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
23. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
24. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
25. di____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
26. ic____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
27. com____nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
28. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
29. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
30. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
31. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
32. mi____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
33. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
34. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 22. witness, 23. roll, 24. ancestor, 25. distinct, 26. iceberg, 27. comprehend, 28. witness, 29. dramatic, 30. separate, 31. portrait, 32. mineral, 33. individual, 34. ancestor

35. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
36. ca__e early in the morning *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
37. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
38. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
39. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
40. com_____nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
41. ca__e from the glacier *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
42. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
43. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
44. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

ANSWERS: 35. crumble, 36. calve, 37. environment, 38. melt, 39. occasion, 40. comprehend, 41. calve, 42. refuse, 43. melt, 44. distinct

45. hit an ic____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
46. con_____ion ceremony *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
47. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
48. sn_____ke pattern *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
49. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
50. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
51. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
52. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
53. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
54. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 45. iceberg, 46. continuation, 47. photograph, 48. snowflake, 49. environment, 50. dizzy, 51. release, 52. refuse, 53. photograph, 54. individual

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
2. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
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8. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
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ANSWERS: 1. interconnect, 2. individual, 3. continuation, 4. ancient, 5. distinct, 6. ancestor, 7. dizzy, 8. interact, 9. occasion

10. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
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