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Session 1: Word List

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

pocketbook

n. a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion

synonym : wallet, purse, billfold

(1) **pocketbook** issues, (2) leather **pocketbook**
She pulled her wallet out of her **pocketbook** to pay for the groceries.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes
He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion
I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

gastronomy

n. the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

synonym: culinary art, cuisine

(1) **gastronomy** tour, (2) French **gastronomy**
The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of **gastronomy** worldwide.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

unwavering

adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
synonym : steadfast, resolute, firm

(1) **unwavering** commitment, (2) **unwavering** confidence

She showed **unwavering** loyalty to her friend through thick and thin.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

troublesome

adj. causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
synonym : disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

- coli** *n.* a bacterium of the genus *Escherichia* that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry
(1) *E. coli* bacteria strain, (2) **coli** cells
The study of *Escherichia coli* has led to important advancements in areas such as antibiotic resistance, gut microbiome, and synthetic biology.
- sprout** *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
synonym : germinate, grow, bud
(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings
The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.
- redefine** *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter
(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.
- grocer** *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
synonym : storekeeper
(1) a green- **grocer**, (2) an old **grocer**
The natural foods **grocer** took advantage of the recent vegan craze.
- crunch** *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis
(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**
The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

transpose

v. to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another

synonym : switch, invert, interchange

(1) **transpose** letters, (2) **transpose** data

We must **transpose** the melody from key C to key G for the singer.

scandalous

adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

synonym : disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym : snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

grange

n. a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence

for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

synonym: farmhouse, barn, homestead

(1) community **grange**, (2) **grange** farm

The **grange** building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym: atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sp___t seeds
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
2. a green-gr___r
n. a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
3. am___e and entertain visitors
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
4. fa_____nd acreage
n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
5. sub_____ve literature
adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
6. sca_____us revelations
adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
7. sca_____us behavior
adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
8. chill v___e
n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

ANSWERS: 1. sprout, 2. grocer, 3. amaze, 4. farmland, 5. subversive, 6. scandalous, 7. scandalous, 8. vibe

9. French gas_____my *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
10. unw_____ng confidence *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
11. gas_____my tour *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
12. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
13. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
14. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
15. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
16. tr_____se letters *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
17. leather poc_____ok *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion

ANSWERS: 9. gastronomy, 10. unwavering, 11. gastronomy, 12. secrecy, 13. industrialize, 14. farmland, 15. aspiring, 16. transpose, 17. pocketbook

18. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
19. c__i cells *n.* a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry
20. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
21. poc_____ok issues *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion
22. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
23. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
24. gr____e farm *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations
25. fl__k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

ANSWERS: 18. industrialize, 19. coli, 20. revisit, 21. pocketbook, 22. redefine, 23. redefine, 24. grange, 25. flick

26. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
27. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
28. the center ai___e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
29. sq___h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
30. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
31. community gr___e *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations
32. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
33. E. c__i bacteria strain *n.* a bacterium of the genus Escherichia that is commonly found in the human gut and is used as a model organism in molecular biology and biochemistry

ANSWERS: 26. sprawl, 27. subversive, 28. aisle, 29. squash, 30. recreate, 31. grange, 32. revisit, 33. coli

34. undertake a tro_____me task *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
35. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
36. unw_____ng commitment *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
37. am___e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
38. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
39. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
40. tro_____me behavior *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
41. have as_____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
42. fl___ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
43. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
44. financial cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

ANSWERS: 34. troublesome, 35. crunch, 36. unwavering, 37. amaze, 38. secrecy, 39. visionary, 40. troublesome, 41. aspiring, 42. flick, 43. recreate, 44. crunch

45. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
46. party v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
47. tr_____se data *v.* to change the position, order, or arrangement of something, especially in music, by changing the key or pitch; to transfer or move something from one place or context to another
48. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
49. an old gr____r *n.* a person who owns a shop that sells foodstuffs and some household supplies
50. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
51. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
52. sq____h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
53. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 45. aisle, 46. vibe, 47. transpose, 48. catastrophic, 49. grocer, 50. catastrophic, 51. visionary, 52. squash, 53. sprout

54. sp___l for acres

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

ANSWERS: 54. sprawl

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
2. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
3. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
4. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
5. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
6. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
7. The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of _____ worldwide.
n. the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
8. The _____ building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.
n. a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

ANSWERS: 1. amazed, 2. catastrophic, 3. industrialize, 4. sprawls, 5. redefined, 6. crunch, 7. gastronomy, 8. grange

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ANSWERS: 9. recreated, 10. secrecy, 11. subversive, 12. pocketbook, 13. grocer, 14. flicked, 15. transpose

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ANSWERS: 16. sprout, 17. squash, 18. aisle, 19. unwavering, 20. farmland, 21. visionary, 22. troublesome, 23. scandalous

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adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

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ANSWERS: 24. aspiring, 25. vibe, 26. revisit, 27. coli