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Session 1: Word List

announcer

n. a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

synonym: emcee, broadcaster, commentator

(1) public address **announcer**, (2) radio **announcer**

The sports **announcer** provided live commentary during the game.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym : kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

commandment

n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

synonym : law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

favela

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

synonym : shantytown, slum, ghetto

(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**

Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated

with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym : develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cen_____de scale | <i>n.</i> a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale |
| 2. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 3. the early inh_____nts of Europe | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 4. ur_____ze a region | <i>v.</i> to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns |
| 5. abolish mo_____hy | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority |
| 6. prevent a la_____de | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 7. public address an_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event |
| 8. fa___a neighborhood | <i>n.</i> a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security |

ANSWERS: 1. centigrade, 2. dedicate, 3. inhabitant, 4. urbanize, 5. monarchy, 6. landslide, 7. announcer, 8. favela

9. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
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ANSWERS: 9. slum, 10. monarchy, 11. urbanize, 12. commandment, 13. olympiad, 14. landslide, 15. centigrade, 16. inhabitant

17. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
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ANSWERS: 17. envelop, 18. announcer, 19. favela, 20. envelop, 21. dedicate, 22. slum, 23. commandment, 24. olympiad

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. favela, 9. dedicated, 10. announcer, 11. commandment, 12. enveloped