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Session 1: Word List

finch

n. a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song

synonym : bird, avian, passerine

(1) a **finch** bird, (2) strawberry **finch**

A flock of **finches** gathered at the bird feeder.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

untouched

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

synonym : untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym: burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

tilapia

n. a type of freshwater fish commonly farmed for food, native to Africa and the Middle East

(1) **tilapia** fillets, (2) grilled **tilapia**

I had delicious **tilapia** for dinner last night.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

accomplice

n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

synonym: confederate, partner, collaborator

(1) **accomplice** in crime, (2) secret **accomplice**

The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an **accomplice** in the murder.

trawl

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something

thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

synonym: fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize** sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

orca

n. a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

synonym: killer whale, sea wolf

(1) **orca** habitat, (2) a huge pod of **orcas**

The **orca** whale is also known as the killer whale.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

extrapolate

v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

synonym: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends into the future.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym: raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym: educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

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.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

hue

n. the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength

synonym: dye, tint, coloring

(1) the **hues** of a rainbow, (2) **hue** change

To achieve a warmer **hue**, add orange paint.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

Session 2: Spelling

1. strawberry fi__h *n.* a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song
2. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
3. la___n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
4. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
5. o__a habitat *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
6. gen_____ze sophisticatedly *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
7. ti_____a fillets *n.* a type of freshwater fish commonly farmed for food, native to Africa and the Middle East
8. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 1. finch, 2. leftover, 3. lagoon, 4. lagoon, 5. orca, 6. generalize, 7. tilapia, 8. predatory

9. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
10. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
11. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
12. re____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
13. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
15. li____te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
16. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
17. digitally li____te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
18. ma____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 9. mangrove, 10. extinct, 11. conceive, 12. recreate, 13. numb, 14. drown, 15. literate, 16. trawl, 17. literate, 18. mangrove

19. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
20. a fi__h bird *n.* a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song
21. grilled ti____a *n.* a type of freshwater fish commonly farmed for food, native to Africa and the Middle East
22. le____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
23. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
24. funny an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
25. su____n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
26. sea sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
27. pr____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
28. su____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
29. the h_es of a rainbow *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
30. personal an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 19. evoke, 20. finch, 21. tilapia, 22. leftover, 23. evoke, 24. anecdote, 25. sunburn, 26. sponge, 27. pristine, 28. supple, 29. hue, 30. anecdote

31. a huge pod of o__as *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
32. acc_____ce in crime *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
33. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
34. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
35. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
36. ext_____te animal dose *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
37. gen_____ze Kepler's first law *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
38. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
39. tr__l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

ANSWERS: 31. orca, 32. accomplice, 33. numb, 34. centimeter, 35. extinct, 36. extrapolate, 37. generalize, 38. supple, 39. trawl

40. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
41. re____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
42. secret acc____ce *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
43. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
44. un____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
45. ext____te the results *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
46. h_e change *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
47. un____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
48. get a su____n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
49. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
50. pr____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 40. conceive, 41. recreate, 42. accomplice, 43. drown, 44. untouched, 45. extrapolate, 46. hue, 47. untouched, 48. sunburn, 49. pristine, 50. predatory

51. thirty cen_____ers tall

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

52. metallic sp___e

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 51. centimeter, 52. sponge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
2. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
3. It's dangerous to _____ about people.
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4. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.
adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
5. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
6. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.
v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
7. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. pristine, 2. centimeter, 3. generalize, 4. untouched, 5. mangrove, 6. trawl, 7. supple

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16. I had delicious _____ for dinner last night.
n. a type of freshwater fish commonly farmed for food, native to Africa and the Middle East

ANSWERS: 8. recreated, 9. drown, 10. sponge, 11. hue, 12. extrapolates, 13. predatory, 14. evoke, 15. accomplice, 16. tilapia

17. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
18. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.
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22. The _____ whale is also known as the killer whale.
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23. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
24. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 17. anecdotes, 18. leftover, 19. sunburn, 20. literate, 21. lagoon, 22. orca, 23. conceive, 24. extinct

25. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

26. A flock of _____ gathered at the bird feeder.

n. a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song

ANSWERS: 25. numb, 26. finches