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Session 1: Word List

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.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

unchecked

adj. not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference

synonym : uncontrolled, unrestrained, unbridled

(1) **unchecked** ambition, (2) **unchecked** growth

The **unchecked** spread of the virus led to a nationwide outbreak.

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.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**
The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

personalize

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
synonym: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace
I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway
The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

arrondissement

n. a French word used to designate a district or administrative division, particularly in major cities like Paris, often used to refer to the different neighborhoods or districts within a city
synonym: district, quarter, neighborhood

(1) **arrondissement** district, (2) residential **arrondissement**
We decided to explore the Montmartre **arrondissement** in Paris, known for its charming streets and artistic atmosphere.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

typology

n. the study or classification of types or patterns, particularly in terms of objects, concepts, or characteristics; a system or method of categorizing or organizing things into specific types or groups based on shared traits or attributes

synonym: classification, categorization, taxonomy

(1) **typology** study, (2) psychological **typology**
The linguist studied the **typology** of languages across different regions.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym: rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**
The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

superhighway

n. a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic

synonym: expressway, motorway, artery

(1) six-lane **superhighway**, (2) a tollgate of a **superhighway**
The University provides a wireless Internet **superhighway** to its students.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite

plan or purpose

synonym : run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

encumber

v. to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations

synonym : burden, hinder, obstruct

(1) **encumber** the property with a mortgage,

(2) **encumbered** the company's ability

The new regulations **encumber** the process of starting a new business.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

dilate

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open
synonym: widen, open, enlarge

(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel
The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny
synonym: tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny
The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

synonym: uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

infill

v. to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development

synonym: fill in, complete, pack in

(1) **infill** development, (2) **infill** the cavity with a dental filling
The construction workers will **infill** the trench with concrete.

loft

n. a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

synonym: attic, garret, upper chamber

(1) **loft** apartment, (2) warehouse **loft**

The artist's **loft** was filled with natural light and creative energy.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

bogus

adj. false or imitation; not genuine

synonym : fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **bogus** excuse, (2) **bogus** charities

He accused the company of using **bogus** advertising claims to sell its products.

solenoid

n. a coil of wire wound around a cylindrical core, typically made of ferromagnetic material, that creates a magnetic field when an electric current is passed through it, commonly used in various electrical devices, such as valves, relays, and electric locks

synonym : coil, electromagnet, inductor

(1) linear **solenoid**, (2) electromagnetic **solenoid**

The **solenoid** valve controls the flow of water in the irrigation system.

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.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably;
suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. l__t apartment | <i>n.</i> a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space |
| 2. ind_____ized textile production | <i>v.</i> to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 3. arr_____ent district | <i>n.</i> a French word used to designate a district or administrative division, particularly in major cities like Paris, often used to refer to the different neighborhoods or districts within a city |
| 4. the ou_____rt of the forest | <i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something. |
| 5. un_____ed ambition | <i>adj.</i> not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference |
| 6. bo__s charities | <i>adj.</i> false or imitation; not genuine |
| 7. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 8. per_____ze social media profile | <i>v.</i> to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something |

ANSWERS: 1. loft, 2. industrialize, 3. arrondissement, 4. outskirts, 5. unchecked, 6. bogus, 7. industrious, 8. personalize

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| 9. to es____te | v. | to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 10. sp____l for acres | v. | to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out |
| 11. electromagnetic so____id | n. | a coil of wire wound around a cylindrical core, typically made of ferromagnetic material, that creates a magnetic field when an electric current is passed through it, commonly used in various electrical devices, such as valves, relays, and electric locks |
| 12. re____m a competitive position | v. | to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |
| 13. el____e a close relationship | v. | to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position |
| 14. he____ht switch | n. | a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead |
| 15. psychological ty____gy | n. | the study or classification of types or patterns, particularly in terms of objects, concepts, or characteristics; a system or method of categorizing or organizing things into specific types or groups based on shared traits or attributes |
| 16. en____er the property with a mortgage | v. | to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations |

ANSWERS: 9. escalate, 10. sprawl, 11. solenoid, 12. reclaim, 13. elevate, 14. headlight, 15. typology, 16. encumber

17. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
19. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
20. lava bo____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
21. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
22. sta_____ze administrative practices *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
23. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
24. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
25. a tollgate of a sup_____way *n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
26. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
27. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 17. industrious, 18. dilate, 19. sprawl, 20. boulder, 21. livable, 22. standardize, 23. confer, 24. livable, 25. superhighway, 26. commercialize, 27. facade

28. co____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
29. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
30. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
31. so te__y tiny *adj.* extremely small; tiny
32. in___l development *v.* to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development
33. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
34. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
35. in___l the cavity with a dental filling *v.* to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development

ANSWERS: 28. congest, 29. footprint, 30. elevate, 31. teeny, 32. infill, 33. headlight, 34. robotic, 35. infill

36. ro____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
37. redness of the ey____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
38. per____ze my workspace *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
39. fo____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
40. com____ize my patents *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
41. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
42. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
43. te__y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
44. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
45. on the western ou____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

ANSWERS: 36. robotic, 37. eyeball, 38. personalize, 39. footprint, 40. commercialize, 41. steer, 42. jog, 43. teeny, 44. resilient, 45. outskirts

46. six-lane sup_____way *n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
47. en_____ered the company's ability *v.* to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations
48. bo__s excuse *adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
49. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
51. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
52. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
53. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
54. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
55. residential arr_____ent *n.* a French word used to designate a district or administrative division, particularly in major cities like Paris, often used to refer to the different neighborhoods or districts within a city

ANSWERS: 46. superhighway, 47. encumber, 48. bogus, 49. opportune, 50. boulder, 51. envelop, 52. industrialize, 53. congest, 54. eyeball, 55. arrondissement

56. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
57. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
58. linear so____id *n.* a coil of wire wound around a cylindrical core, typically made of ferromagnetic material, that creates a magnetic field when an electric current is passed through it, commonly used in various electrical devices, such as valves, relays, and electric locks
59. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
60. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
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62. ty_____gy study *n.* the study or classification of types or patterns, particularly in terms of objects, concepts, or characteristics; a system or method of categorizing or organizing things into specific types or groups based on shared traits or attributes
63. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
64. sta_____ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

ANSWERS: 56. reclaim, 57. jog, 58. solenoid, 59. steer, 60. resilient, 61. unchecked, 62. typology, 63. envelop, 64. standardize

65. co___r degree v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
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70. the outside fa___e of a castle n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 65. confer, 66. escalate, 67. loft, 68. dilate, 69. opportune, 70. facade

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company is trying to _____ its new product.
v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
2. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
3. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
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6. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
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7. We decided to explore the Montmartre _____ in Paris, known for its charming streets and artistic atmosphere.
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ANSWERS: 1. commercialize, 2. steer, 3. reclaim, 4. outskirts, 5. personalize, 6. livable, 7. arrondissement

8. He accused the company of using _____ advertising claims to sell its products.
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ANSWERS: 8. bogus, 9. loft, 10. typology, 11. facade, 12. congested, 13. infill, 14. jog

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18. The University provides a wireless Internet _____ to its students.
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21. The company _____ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.
v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
22. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

ANSWERS: 15. encumber, 16. elevates, 17. robotic, 18. superhighway, 19. teeny, 20. unchecked, 21. standardized, 22. sprawls

23. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

24. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

25. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

26. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

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n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

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30. The pupils of the eyes _____ in low light.

v. to make something wider, larger, or more open

ANSWERS: 23. enveloped, 24. resilient, 25. industrialize, 26. industrious, 27. headlight, 28. eyeball, 29. solenoid, 30. dilate

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