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Session 1: Word List

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

snorkel

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

synonym: tube, breather

(1) **snorkel** gear, (2) scuba **snorkel**

The **snorkel** rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

puddle

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

synonym : pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym : cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

flail

v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)

synonym: thrash, beat, whip

(1) **flail** in the strong winds, (2) **flail** at the air

The dancer's arms would **flail** gracefully as she moved to the music.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym : colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

tentacle

n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory

extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

unexplored

adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

synonym : uncharted, undiscovered, untapped

(1) **unexplored** ideas, (2) **unexplored** cave

There are many **unexplored** regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
2. poor te____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
3. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
4. active vo____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
5. te____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
6. step in a pu___e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
7. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
8. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
9. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 1. peek, 2. teamwork, 3. gulf, 4. volcano, 5. teamwork, 6. puddle, 7. waterfall, 8. titanic, 9. smartphone

10. scuba sn_____l *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
11. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
12. une_____ed cave *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
13. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
14. scenic wa_____ll *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
15. fl__l at the air *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
16. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
17. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
18. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
19. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 10. snorkel, 11. gulf, 12. unexplored, 13. peek, 14. waterfall, 15. flail, 16. rainforest, 17. glowing, 18. canyon, 19. poisonous

20. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
21. gl____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
22. une_____ed ideas *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
23. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
24. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
25. posterior te_____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
26. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
27. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
28. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
29. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
30. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

ANSWERS: 20. cape, 21. glowing, 22. unexplored, 23. penetrate, 24. cape, 25. tentacle, 26. lobster, 27. startling, 28. canyon, 29. rainforest, 30. startling

31. emotional er____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
32. a squid's te____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
33. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
34. sn____l gear *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
35. lo____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
36. vo____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
37. po____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
38. pu____e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

ANSWERS: 31. eruption, 32. tentacle, 33. titanic, 34. snorkel, 35. lobster, 36. volcano, 37. poisonous, 38. puddle

39. er_____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
40. fl__l in the strong winds *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
41. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
42. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 39. eruption, 40. flail, 41. smartphone, 42. penetrate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
2. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
3. Harmonious _____ is essential to the success of this project.
n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
4. The _____ rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.
n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
5. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
6. Some species of _____ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
7. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 1. peek, 2. startling, 3. teamwork, 4. snorkel, 5. eruption, 6. poisonous snakes, 7. volcano

8. The rain had formed a large _____ on the sidewalk.
n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
9. The western sky was _____ pink.
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
10. The police caught the fugitive criminal in the _____ of an expanded investigation.
n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
11. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
12. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
13. There are many _____ regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.
adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
14. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped _____ basin.
n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
15. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 8. puddle, 9. glowing, 10. tentacles, 11. rainforest, 12. smartphones, 13. unexplored, 14. waterfall, 15. penetrates

16. The dancer's arms would _____ gracefully as she moved to the music.
v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
17. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
18. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
19. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
20. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
21. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

ANSWERS: 16. flail, 17. titanic, 18. Gulf, 19. Canyon, 20. lobster, 21. cape