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Session 1: Word List

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

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.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym : preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym : holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

vasectomy

n. a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization

synonym : sterilization, sterilizing operation, vas opera

(1) **vasectomy** procedure, (2) reversible **vasectomy**

Many couples choose **vasectomy** as a permanent form of contraception.

lad

n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

microcredit

n. small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities

synonym : microfinance, microloan, small loan

(1) **microcredit** lender, (2) **microcredit** program

The government has established a **microcredit** scheme to stimulate entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

ballroom

n. a large room for dancing

synonym: dance hall, assembly hall

(1) **ballroom** dance, (2) **ballroom** floor

The grand **ballroom** was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

airwave

n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

synonym: broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

lifesaver

n. a device or person that saves someone's life, often in an emergency or dangerous situation

synonym: rescuer, savior, protector

(1) **lifesaver** ring, (2) emergency **lifesaver**

The GPS device was a **lifesaver** when we got lost in the middle of nowhere.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

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.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

tart

n. a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste

synonym: pie, pastry, quiche

(1) **tart** flavor, (2) custard **tart**

The lemon **tart** at the bakery was simply divine.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

cappuccino

n. an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top

synonym: coffee, espresso, latte

(1) **cappuccino** machine, (2) iced **cappuccino**

I ordered a delicious **cappuccino** from the cafe this morning.

underutilized

adj. not used as much as is possible or necessary

synonym: underused, neglected, unappreciated

(1) **underutilized** resources, (2) **underutilized** space

The factory has been **underutilized** for years and requires renovation.

geodesic

adj. relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure

synonym: dome-shaped, spherical, curved

(1) **geodesic** arc, (2) **geodesic** distance

The **geodesic** dome structure is both visually striking and highly efficient.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. vice cha_____on | <i>n.</i> the officer who presides over organization meetings |
| 2. hormonal con_____ive | <i>adj.</i> relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception |
| 3. mic_____it lender | <i>n.</i> small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities |
| 4. sa_____ty of life | <i>n.</i> the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something |
| 5. und_____zed resources | <i>adj.</i> not used as much as is possible or necessary |
| 6. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 7. a few years af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 8. g__e scene | <i>v.</i> to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound |
| 9. professional mi_____e | <i>n.</i> a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby |

ANSWERS: 1. chairperson, 2. contraceptive, 3. microcredit, 4. sanctity, 5. underutilized, 6. creditor, 7. afterward, 8. gore, 9. midwife

10. ba____ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
11. vi____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
12. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
13. reversible va____my *n.* a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization
14. emergency li____er *n.* a device or person that saves someone's life, often in an emergency or dangerous situation
15. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
16. violate the sa____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
17. li____er ring *n.* a device or person that saves someone's life, often in an emergency or dangerous situation
18. mu____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

ANSWERS: 10. barefoot, 11. villager, 12. scot, 13. vasectomy, 14. lifesaver, 15. monk, 16. sanctity, 17. lifesaver, 18. mushroom

19. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
20. ba_____om dance *n.* a large room for dancing
21. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
22. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
23. ge_____ic distance *adj.* relating to or consisting of geodesics, which are the shortest paths between points on a curved surface or the straightest paths within a curved space; characterized by a curved, interconnected, or grid-like structure
24. mic_____it program *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
25. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
26. und_____zed space *adj.* not used as much as is possible or necessary
27. con_____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

ANSWERS: 19. impair, 20. ballroom, 21. scot, 22. moth, 23. geodesic, 24. microcredit, 25. sprinkler, 26. underutilized, 27. contraceptive

28. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
29. custard t__t *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
30. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
31. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
32. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
33. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
34. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
35. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
36. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 28. Catholic, 29. tart, 30. aft, 31. aft, 32. mushroom, 33. gore, 34. sprinkler, 35. condom, 36. villager

37. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
38. ba____om floor *n.* a large room for dancing
39. iced cap_____no *n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
40. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
41. local l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
42. the modern ol_____ad *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
43. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
44. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
45. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
46. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
47. co___m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 37. supple, 38. ballroom, 39. cappuccino, 40. threefold, 41. lad, 42. olympiad, 43. lad, 44. ancestor, 45. ancestor, 46. moth, 47. condom

48. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
49. ba_____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
50. commercial ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
51. t__t flavor *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
52. cap_____no machine *n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
53. summer ol_____ad *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
54. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
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ANSWERS: 48. chairperson, 49. barefoot, 50. airwave, 51. tart, 52. cappuccino, 53. olympiad, 54. threefold, 55. afterward, 56. creditor, 57. supple, 58. Catholic

59. va_____my procedure *n.* a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization
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61. walkie-talkie ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
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63. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
64. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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