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Session 1: Word List

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym : disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

synonym : probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

shady

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

synonym : shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

excerpt

v. to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

synonym : extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments

from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum computing.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sh__y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
2. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
3. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
4. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
5. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
6. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
7. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
8. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 1. shady, 2. infrastructure, 3. myth, 4. oxygen, 5. blur, 6. prefer, 7. prefer, 8. infrastructure

9. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
10. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
11. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
12. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
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14. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
15. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
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ANSWERS: 9. blur, 10. myth, 11. shell, 12. oxygen, 13. shady, 14. diver, 15. pry, 16. excerpt, 17. mask

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. excerpts, 9. shell, 10. shady, 11. pry