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Session 1: Word List

| penguin | a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait | | | |
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| | (1) Adelie penguin , (2) penguin habitat | | | |
| | We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent penguin | | | |
| | colony along the rugged coastline. | | | |
| overconsumption | <i>n.</i> the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable | | | |
| | (1) age of overconsumption , (2) overconsumption of alcohol | | | |
| | Overconsumption of sugar can contribute to obesity. | | | |
| snore | v. to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull synonym: doze, slumber, yawn | | | |
| | (1) snore in my sleep, (2) snore peacefully | | | |
| | I couldn't sleep because my roommate snored loudly every night. | | | |
| moreover | <i>adv.</i> indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what | | | |



| | has been said before <i>synonym</i> : furthermore, besides, in addition |
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| | (1) moreover, she decided to go, (2) but moreover, they work well together |
| | The company is environmentally conscious, and moreover , it uses sustainable materials in its products. |
| uninhabited | <i>adj.</i> not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life |
| | synonym: deserted, abandoned, vacant |
| | (1) uninhabited region, (2) uninhabited house |
| | The remote island is uninhabited and has no permanent residents. |
| 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. |
| emperor | <i>n.</i> the male ruler of an empire <i>synonym</i> : ruler, king, dictator |
| | (1) emperor of Rome, (2) former emperor |
| | The Emperor once lived in the vast palace. |
| humming | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee |
| | synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating |
| | (1) humming sound, (2) humming bird |
| | The humming of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden. |
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| comical | <i>adj.</i> funny, especially in a strange or absurd way <i>synonym</i> : amusing, funny, humorous |

| | (1) a comical way to speaking, (2) cast comical eyesHe covered up his failure with comical laughter. |
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| diligent | <i>adj.</i> showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties |
| | synonym: active, engaged, assiduous |
| | (1) a diligent person, (2) a diligent search of the files |
| | The diligent detective investigated all clues. |
| scientifically | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to science or is connected with science |
| | (1) investigate scientifically, (2) scientifically explainable |
| | The hypothesis is not yet scientifically proven. |
| sentinel | <i>n</i>. a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security <i>synonym</i>: guard, watchman, lookout |
| | (1) sentinel duty, (2) sentinel lymph node |
| | The security camera acted as a sentinel, monitoring the area |
| | for suspicious activity. |
| zodiac | n. a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts synonym: star chart, astrological sign |
| | (1) zodiac stone, (2) zodiac circle |
| | Her horoscope predicted a surprise encounter with a |
| | stranger, which aligned with her zodiac sign. |
| beak | <i>n.</i> the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird <i>synonym</i> : nib, pecker, snoot |
| | (1) sharp beak , (2) a tip of the beak |
| | The bird's beak evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area. |
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| bray | n. the loud, harsh sound made by a donkey, mule, or similar animal synonym: neigh, whinny, hee-haw |
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| | (1) the bray of a foghorn, (2) hear a bray in the distance |
| | The donkey's loud bray could be heard for miles. |
| plaint | <i>n</i>. a formal, written statement or complaint submitted to a court of law; a legal document that initiates a lawsuit or legal proceedings; an expression of sorrow or lamentation <i>synonym</i>: complaint, claim, grievance |
| | (1) plaint memoir, (2) plaint for damages |
| | The lawyer meticulously prepared the plaint document to ensure that every grievance was addressed. |
| undersea | <i>adj.</i> located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea <i>synonym</i> : underwater, subaquatic, marine |
| | (1) undersea earthquake, (2) undersea habitat |
| | The undersea environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna. |
| upwell | v. to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma synonym: surge up, rise, well up |
| | (1) emotions begin to upwell , (2) upwell from the cracks |
| | Nutrients upwell from the ocean depths during the seasonal shifts, leading to a bloom of marine life. |
| iguana | a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas synonym: lizard, reptile, dragon |
| | (1) green iguana , (2) spiny-tailed iguana |
| | The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the |
| | blue iguana species native to the Cayman Islands. |
| plight | <i>n.</i> a difficult or unfortunate situation <i>synonym</i> : crisis, predicament, trouble |

| | (1) miserable plight, (2) the plight of the poorThe government has ignored the plight of the homeless population. |
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| ballast | <i>n</i> . heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support |
| | synonym: weight, stabilizer, counterbalance |
| | (1) ballast weight, (2) ballast water |
| | The ship's ballast helped to keep it stable during the storm. |
| tanker | n. a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances synonym: oil tanker, freighter, vessel |
| | (1) LNG tanker, (2) chemical tanker |
| | The oil tanker ran aground, causing a devastating environmental disaster. |
| fledgling | <i>n.</i> water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten |
| | synonym: beginner, novice, neophyte |
| | (1) fledgling company, (2) fledgling birds |
| | The current economic situation is especially tough for fledgling businesses. |
| coastline | n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea synonym: shoreline, seashore, beach |
| | (1) coastline erosion, (2) deeply indented coastline |
| | The new resort was built along the coastline, offering |
| | stunning ocean views from every room. |
| posit | v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| | synonym: assert, declare, assume |
| | (1) posit the existence of life after death, (2) posit the |

| | premise We should posit several hypotheses to discuss the matter. | | | | |
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| incubate | v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture synonym: hatch, breed, gestate | | | | |
| | (1) incubate terrorism in developing countries, (2) incubate an idea | | | | |
| | The scientists decided to incubate the eggs for further study. | | | | |
| forage | v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner synonym: scavenge, hunt, search | | | | |
| | (1) forage for food, (2) forage for information | | | | |
| | She would forage through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys. | | | | |
| writ | n. a written legal order or commandsynonym: legal document, order, legal process | | | | |
| | (1) a writ of summons, (2) issue a writ | | | | |
| | He was served with a writ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property. | | | | |
| distill | <i>v.</i> to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements <i>synonym</i> : extract, condense, purify | | | | |
| | (1) distill a liquid, (2) distill information | | | | |
| | She decided to distill her thoughts into a more manageable list. | | | | |
| turbo | n. (short for "turbocharger") a device or system that increases the power or performance of an engine or vehicle, typically by using compressed air or gas to increase combustion synonym: turbocharger, supercharger | | | | |
| | (1) turbo boost, (2) turbo feature | | | | |

| | The new car model is equipped with a turbo engine for increased performance. |
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| literate | <i>adj.</i> 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. |
| barcode | n. a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price synonym: scan, QR code |
| | (1) barcode reader, (2) product barcode |
| | The cashier scanned the barcode on the packaging to ring |
| | up the price. |
| leisurely | adj. done in a relaxed or unhurried manner; taking one's time to complete a task; unhurried or not hurried synonym: relaxed, unhurried, slow |
| | (1) leisurely pace, (2) leisurely breakfast |
| | He enjoys a leisurely game of golf every weekend. |
| unplug | v. to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply |
| | synonym: disconnect, clear, open |
| | (1) unplug the power cord, (2) unplug a USB stick |
| | Please unplug the heater before you go to bed. |

Session 2: Spelling

investigate sci Ily adv. in a way that relates to science or is 1. connected with science po__t the existence of life after 2. to suggest or accept something as fact v. or as a basis for argument or death consideration hu____g sound adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating 3. sound like that of the bee 4. fo e for information to search or hunt for food, provisions, or v. other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner ba____t water heavy material, usually stones or sand, 5. n. used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support 6. se el duty a person or thing that stands guard or n. keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security 7. co____ne erosion the particular shape of the coast (= the n. shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea adj. located or occurring beneath the un ea earthquake 8. surface of the sea the hard and pointed or curved mouse 9. sharp b k n. of a bird 10. product ba e a series of parallel lines of varying width n. and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

ANSWERS: 1. scientifically, 2. posit, 3. humming, 4. forage, 5. ballast, 6. sentinel, 7. coastline, 8. undersea, 9. beak, 10. barcode

| 11. | tuo boost | n. | (short for "turbocharger") a device or system that increases the power or performance of an engine or vehicle, typically by using compressed air or gas to increase combustion |
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| 12. | plt memoir | n. | a formal, written statement or complaint submitted to a court of law; a legal document that initiates a lawsuit or legal proceedings; an expression of sorrow or lamentation |
| 13. | zoc circle | n. | a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts |
| 14. | emotions begin to upl | v. | to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma |
| 15. | unied house | adj. | not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life |
| 16. | zoc stone | n. | a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts |
| 17. | a wt of summons | n. | a written legal order or command |
| 18. | dil a liquid | v. | to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements |

ANSWERS: 11. turbo, 12. plaint, 13. zodiac, 14. upwell, 15. uninhabited, 16. zodiac, 17. writ, 18. distill

| 19. cast col eyes | adj. | funny, especially in a strange or absurd way |
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| 20. pot the premise | ν. | to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 21. digitally lite | adj. | having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic |
| 22. flng birds | n. | water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten |
| 23. a tip of the bk | n. | the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird |
| 24. flng company | n. | water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten |
| 25. issue a wt | n. | a written legal order or command |
| 26. LNG tar | n. | a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances |
| 27. ung the power cord | v. | to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply |
| 28. the modern olad | 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 |
| 29. but moer, they work well together | adv. | indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before |

ANSWERS: 19. comical, 20. posit, 21. literate, 22. fledgling, 23. beak, 24. fledgling, 25. writ, 26. tanker, 27. unplug, 28. olympiad, 29. moreover

| 30. miserable plt | n. | a difficult or unfortunate situation |
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| 31. seel lymph node | n. | a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security |
| 32. oveion of alcohol | n. | the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable |
| 33. unea habitat | adj. | located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea |
| 34. spiny-tailed iga | n. | a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas |
| 35. chemical tar | n. | a large vessel used for transporting liquids or gases, typically petroleum or natural gas, over long distances |
| 36. the by of a foghorn | n. | the loud, harsh sound made by a donkey, mule, or similar animal |
| 37. summer olad | 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 |
| 38. inte an idea | v. | to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture |
| 39. lite population | adj. | having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic |

ANSWERS: 30. plight, 31. sentinel, 32. overconsumption, 33. undersea, 34. iguana, 35. tanker, 36. bray, 37. olympiad, 38. incubate, 39. literate

| 40. | pen habitat | n. | a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait |
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| 41. | scilly explainable | adv. | in a way that relates to science or is connected with science |
| 42. | former emr | n. | the male ruler of an empire |
| 43. | hear a by in the distance | n. | the loud, harsh sound made by a donkey, mule, or similar animal |
| 44. | unied region | adj. | not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life |
| 45. | a coI way to speaking | adj. | funny, especially in a strange or absurd way |
| 46. | sne in my sleep | v. | to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull |
| 47. | upI from the cracks | v. | to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma |
| 48. | sne peacefully | v. | to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull |
| 49. | deeply indented cone | n. | the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea |
| 50. | emr of Rome | n. | the male ruler of an empire |

ANSWERS: 40. penguin, 41. scientifically, 42. emperor, 43. bray, 44. uninhabited, 45. comical, 46. snore, 47. upwell, 48. snore, 49. coastline, 50. emperor

| 51. | plt for damages | n. | a formal, written statement or complaint submitted to a court of law; a legal document that initiates a lawsuit or legal proceedings; an expression of sorrow or lamentation |
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| 52. | ung a USB stick | v. | to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply |
| 53. | green iga | n. | a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas |
| 54. | Adelie pen | n. | a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait |
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| 57. | lely breakfast | adj. | done in a relaxed or unhurried manner; taking one's time to complete a task; unhurried or not hurried |
| 58. | lely pace | adj. | done in a relaxed or unhurried manner; taking one's time to complete a task; unhurried or not hurried |

ANSWERS: 51. plaint, 52. unplug, 53. iguana, 54. penguin, 55. barcode, 56. moreover, 57. leisurely, 58. leisurely

| 59. a dint person | adj. | showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties |
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ANSWERS: 59. diligent, 60. diligent, 61. plight, 62. turbo, 63. overconsumption, 64. incubate, 65. ballast, 66. humming, 67. distill, 68. forage

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The company is environmentally conscious, and ______ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
- *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
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- 3. I couldn't sleep because my roommate _____ loudly every night.
 - v. to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
- 4. The donkey's loud _____ could be heard for miles.
- *n.* the loud, harsh sound made by a donkey, mule, or similar animal
- 5. The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue ______ species native to the Cayman Islands.
 - *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
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- 34. He covered up his failure with _____ laughter.
- *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way

ANSWERS: 30. forage, 31. sentinel, 32. plight, 33. scientifically, 34. comical