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Session 1: Word List

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

wayside

n. the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

synonym : roadside

(1) flowers along the **wayside**, (2) fall by the **wayside**

There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the **wayside**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

bloodstream

n. the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain

Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

zap

v. to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

synonym: destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym: neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

gene

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

synonym : factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym : hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym: adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior

We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful,

important, or influential than someone or something else
synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

ant

n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

synonym : pismire, insect

(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite

We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. flowers along the wa_____e | <i>n.</i> the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it |
| 2. dr__n in a bath | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 3. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 4. cr__l away from a car | <i>v.</i> to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground |
| 5. z_p bar code | <i>v.</i> to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force |
| 6. injected ve__m | <i>n.</i> a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging |
| 7. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 8. intensive agr_____re | <i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock |
| 9. mo___y my behavior | <i>v.</i> to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose |

ANSWERS: 1. wayside, 2. drown, 3. discovery, 4. crawl, 5. zap, 6. venom, 7. discovery, 8. agriculture, 9. modify

10. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
11. a_t bite *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
12. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
13. tu__r growth *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
14. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
15. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
16. fall by the wa_____e *n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it
17. blo_____am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
18. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
19. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
20. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 10. colony, 11. ant, 12. filter, 13. tumor, 14. fee, 15. agenda, 16. wayside, 17. bloodstream, 18. agriculture, 19. agenda, 20. drown

21. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
22. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
23. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
24. g__e cloning *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
25. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
26. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
27. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 21. continent, 22. brand, 23. genetically, 24. gene, 25. bet, 26. microbe, 27. overtake

28. ov____ke a rival
- v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
29. ec_____y class
- n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
30. tu__r at remote sites
- n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
31. a co____y of bacteria
- n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
32. weak fou_____on
- n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
33. things at the na_____le
- adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
34. ex___t goods
- v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 28. overtake, 29. economy, 30. tumor, 31. colony, 32. foundation, 33. nanoscale, 34. export

35. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
36. pathogenic mi_____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
37. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
38. blo_____am to the brain *n.* the blood flowing through the body
39. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
40. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
41. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
42. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
43. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 35. fortunate, 36. microbe, 37. recession, 38. bloodstream, 39. genetically, 40. foundation, 41. recession, 42. crop, 43. crawl

44. z_p a huge target *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
45. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
46. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
47. genetically mo___y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
48. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
49. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
50. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
51. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
52. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 44. zap, 45. brain, 46. brain, 47. modify, 48. fee, 49. starve, 50. nanoscale, 51. filter, 52. crop

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ANSWERS: 53. export, 54. economy, 55. venom, 56. brand, 57. gene, 58. ant, 59. continent

60. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
61. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
62. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 60. bet, 61. starve, 62. fortunate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

2. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
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adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

4. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky

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