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Session 1: Word List

heath

n. an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

synonym: moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym : tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym : sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

coalface

n. the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line

(1) **coalface** workers, (2) remain at the **coalface**

The miners work at the **coalface**, extracting coal from deep underground.

Session 2: Spelling

1. music syn_____er
n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
2. fi___e with a PC
v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
3. he__h habitat
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ANSWERS: 1. synthesizer, 2. fiddle, 3. heath, 4. heath, 5. arctic, 6. arctic, 7. dazzle

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14. as____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
15. hi____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
16. remain at the co____ce *n.* the working surface of a coal mine, where coal is cut and extracted; (of work) the front-line

ANSWERS: 8. hillside, 9. dazzle, 10. coalface, 11. fiddle, 12. astronaut, 13. synthesizer, 14. astronaut, 15. hillside, 16. coalface

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. heath, 2. coalface, 3. synthesizer, 4. fiddle, 5. astronaut, 6. dazzled, 7. hillside

8. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 8. arctic