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Session 1: Word List

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

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**.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being

undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

peacekeeping

n. the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives

synonym : peacebuilding, peacemaking, reconciliation

(1) **peacekeeping** efforts, (2) **peacekeeping** force

The **peacekeeping** mission in the war-torn country was challenging but necessary.

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**.

prefect

n. a governor or high-ranking official in ancient Rome or some other countries, especially in France

synonym : governor, administrator, supervisor

(1) the office of **prefect**, (2) **prefect** of police

The school **prefect** was responsible for maintaining discipline and following rules.

climatology

n. the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects

synonym : climate science, meteorology

(1) **climatology** research, (2) marine **climatology**

Climatology data shows that the Arctic has been warming faster than other regions of the world.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

postpone

v. to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
synonym: delay, defer, reschedule

(1) **postpone** meeting, (2) **postpone** event

Due to inclement weather, the game has been **postponed** until next week.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

enliven

v. to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements

synonym: invigorate, animate, stimulate

(1) **enliven** a party, (2) **enliven** a conversation

The party music helped **enliven** the atmosphere and get people dancing.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

micronutrient

adj. vitamins and minerals needed by the body in very small amounts

synonym: trace element, mineral, vitamin

(1) **micronutrient** supplements, (2) antioxidant **micronutrient**

A diet rich in **micronutrients** can help prevent deficiencies and maintain good health.

iodine

n. a chemical element with the symbol I and atomic number 53; a bluish-black crystalline solid that is necessary for the production of thyroid hormones in the human body, commonly used in antiseptics, disinfectants, and medical treatments

synonym : iodine, I

(1) **iodine** deficiency, (2) organic **iodine**

I need to buy **iodine** tablets for my camping trip to purify water.

inroad

n. an advance, progression, or incursion into unfamiliar territory, typically involving force or aggression; a significant or detrimental effect or invasion on a person, organization, or situation

synonym : incursion, invasion, intrusion

(1) **inroad** on privacy, (2) **inroad** on individual rights

The company made significant **inroads** into the international market with its innovative products.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym : cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym : inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

- 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.
- brad** *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
synonym: nail, pin, tack
(1) **brad** nail, (2) **brad** fastener
I picked up a box of **brads** from the hardware store for my weekend project.
- latrine** *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
synonym: outhouse, lavatory, washroom
(1) outdoor **latrine**, (2) army **latrine**
During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift **latrine** in the field.
- 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.
- halve** *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split
(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload
I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.
- triage** *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in

which they should be treated or handled

synonym : sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___t other animal species | v. | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> | after the time mentioned |
| 4. ine_____nt management | <i>adj.</i> | lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc. |
| 5. mo_____to bite | <i>n.</i> | a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 6. en_____ss a broad range | v. | to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely |
| 7. po__t the existence of life after death | v. | to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 8. in___d on individual rights | <i>n.</i> | an advance, progression, or incursion into unfamiliar territory, typically involving force or aggression; a significant or detrimental effect or invasion on a person, organization, or situation |

ANSWERS: 1. infect, 2. starve, 3. afterward, 4. inefficient, 5. mosquito, 6. encompass, 7. posit, 8. inroad

9. b__d fastener *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
10. mic_____ent supplements *adj.* vitamins and minerals needed by the body in very small amounts
11. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
12. pea_____ing force *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
13. pr_____t of police *n.* a governor or high-ranking official in ancient Rome or some other countries, especially in France
14. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
15. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
16. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
17. tr___e system *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
18. io___e deficiency *n.* a chemical element with the symbol I and atomic number 53; a bluish-black crystalline solid that is necessary for the production of thyroid hormones in the human body, commonly used in antiseptics, disinfectants, and medical treatments

ANSWERS: 9. brad, 10. micronutrient, 11. prioritize, 12. peacekeeping, 13. prefect, 14. accrue, 15. aft, 16. encompass, 17. triage, 18. iodine

19. marine cli_____gy *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
20. po_____ne meeting *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
21. 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
22. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
23. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
24. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
25. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
26. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
27. ha___e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
28. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
29. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 19. climatology, 20. postpone, 21. starve, 22. astound, 23. environmentalist, 24. infect, 25. disgust, 26. pessimistic, 27. halve, 28. accrue, 29. inefficient

30. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
31. the office of pr_____t *n.* a governor or high-ranking official in ancient Rome or some other countries, especially in France
32. buy stock ch_____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
33. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
34. en_____n a conversation *v.* to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements
35. cli_____gy research *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
36. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
37. organic io___e *n.* a chemical element with the symbol I and atomic number 53; a bluish-black crystalline solid that is necessary for the production of thyroid hormones in the human body, commonly used in antiseptics, disinfectants, and medical treatments
38. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

ANSWERS: 30. mosquito, 31. prefect, 32. cheaply, 33. prioritize, 34. enliven, 35. climatology, 36. aft, 37. iodine, 38. pessimistic

39. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
40. en_____n a party *v.* to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements
41. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
42. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
43. antioxidant mic_____ent *adj.* vitamins and minerals needed by the body in very small amounts
44. outdoor la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
45. ch_____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
46. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
47. tr___e nurse *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
48. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
49. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
50. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 39. disgust, 40. enliven, 41. skeptical, 42. posit, 43. micronutrient, 44. latrine, 45. cheaply, 46. afterward, 47. triage, 48. halve, 49. offend, 50. malnutrition

51. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
52. po_____ne event *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
53. army la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
54. pea_____ing efforts *n.* the act of maintaining peace, especially in conflict-prone regions or between hostile groups, usually through the deployment of a neutral military force or diplomatic initiatives
55. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
56. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
57. b__d nail *n.* a small, thin wire nail with a slight projection at the top, used for fixing or fastening materials together
58. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
59. in___d on privacy *n.* an advance, progression, or incursion into unfamiliar territory, typically involving force or aggression; a significant or detrimental effect or invasion on a person, organization, or situation

ANSWERS: 51. offend, 52. postpone, 53. latrine, 54. peacekeeping, 55. malnutrition, 56. skeptical, 57. brad, 58. environmentalist, 59. inroad

60. as____d everyone

v. to surprise or shock someone with
wonder very much

ANSWERS: 60. astound

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift _____ in the field.
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v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
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n. the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
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ANSWERS: 1. latrine, 2. prioritized, 3. Climatology, 4. micronutrients, 5. postponed, 6. enliven, 7. infect

8. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.

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ANSWERS: 16. offended, 17. skeptical, 18. afterward, 19. encompass, 20. malnutrition, 21. inroads, 22. accrue, 23. aft

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