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Session 1: Word List

sloth

n. laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America

synonym: laziness, indolence, idleness

(1) lazy **sloth**, (2) overcome **sloth**

The **sloth's** slow movements are a product of their physiology.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed

when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

cub *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
synonym: young, male child, boy
(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**
The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

paw *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
synonym: mitt, manus, talon
(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad
The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

livelihood *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
synonym: occupation, living, income
(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance
I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

appalling *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
synonym: shocking, horrifying, alarming
(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior
The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

muzzle *n.* a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech
synonym: restraint, gag
(1) animal **muzzle**, (2) remove the **muzzle**
The aggressive dog was fitted with a tight **muzzle** to prevent potential harm.

fodder

n. feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

synonym : forage, feed, provender

(1) **fodder** shortage, (2) **fodder** options

The farmer bundled the hay into **fodder** stacks for the livestock to eat.

rickshaw

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

synonym : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

barbarous

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

synonym : barbaric, savage, cruel

(1) **barbarous** behavior, (2) **barbarous** language

Human rights groups condemned the **barbarous** treatment of prisoners.

humming

adj. 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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fo___r options | <i>n.</i> feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else |
| 2. we__e a story | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 3. we__e on a loom | <i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 4. animal mu___e | <i>n.</i> a device, typically made of metal or leather, that is designed to cover or restrain an animal's mouth to prevent biting or eating; a device or covering used to restrict or silence a person's speech |
| 5. fo___r shortage | <i>n.</i> feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else |
| 6. pre_____on to authority | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |

ANSWERS: 1. fodder, 2. weave, 3. weave, 4. muzzle, 5. fodder, 6. pretension

7. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
8. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
9. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
10. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
11. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
12. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
13. lazy sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
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15. traditional ri_____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

ANSWERS: 7. paw, 8. humming, 9. appalling, 10. livelihood, 11. cub, 12. livelihood, 13. sloth, 14. sloth, 15. rickshaw

16. ride a ri____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
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21. ba_____us behavior *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
22. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
23. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 16. rickshaw, 17. appalling, 18. pretension, 19. cub, 20. paw, 21. barbarous, 22. humming, 23. deplete

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ANSWERS: 24. deplete, 25. barbarous, 26. muzzle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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7. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. muzzle, 2. rickshaw, 3. weaves, 4. paw, 5. pretensions, 6. cub, 7. livelihood

8. The condition of that old house was _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. appalling, 9. fodder, 10. deplete, 11. sloth's, 12. humming, 13. barbarous