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Session 1: Word List

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

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.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

connectivity

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

synonym : linkage, network

(1) digital **connectivity**, (2) global **connectivity**

The hotel offers high-speed internet **connectivity** for all its guests.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

squatter

n. a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority

synonym : trespasser, occupant, interloper

(1) **squatter** settlement, (2) urban **squatter**

The city has many **squatters living** in abandoned buildings or streets.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors
A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym: humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

defuse

v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

synonym: calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

shining

adj. giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence

synonym: sparkling, gleaming, radiant

(1) **shining** star, (2) **shining** example

The **shining** sun reflected off the calm ocean water.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
2. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
3. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
4. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
5. do____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
6. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
7. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
8. sh____g star *adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
9. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 1. downtown, 2. gore, 3. upgrade, 4. numb, 5. dominant, 6. overwhelming, 7. brew, 8. shining, 9. Renaissance

10. de___e a bomb *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
11. de___e a crisis *v.* to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
12. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
13. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
14. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
15. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
16. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
17. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
18. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 10. defuse, 11. defuse, 12. demographic, 13. population, 14. numb, 15. tip, 16. passe, 17. unemployed, 18. aesthetic

19. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
20. 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
21. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
22. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
23. an ag____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
24. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
25. data ag____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
26. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
27. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 19. punch, 20. economy, 21. infrastructure, 22. oppress, 23. aggregate, 24. constantly, 25. aggregate, 26. romantic, 27. bomb

28. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
29. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
30. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. the ex____t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
32. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
33. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
34. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
35. sh_____g example *adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
36. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
37. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
38. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
39. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

ANSWERS: 28. unemployed, 29. extent, 30. perspective, 31. extent, 32. dominant, 33. brew, 34. gore, 35. shining, 36. humanity, 37. poverty, 38. vibrant, 39. humanity

40. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
41. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
42. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
43. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
44. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
45. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
46. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
47. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
48. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
49. ec_____y of scale *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

ANSWERS: 40. overwhelming, 41. infrastructure, 42. urban, 43. bomb, 44. downtown, 45. government, 46. vibrant, 47. poverty, 48. upgrade, 49. economy

50. digital con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
51. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
52. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
53. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
54. global con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
55. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
56. urban sq_____er *n.* a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority
57. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 50. connectivity, 51. oppress, 52. punch, 53. aesthetic, 54. connectivity, 55. perspective, 56. squatter, 57. Renaissance

58. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
59. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
60. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
61. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
62. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
63. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
64. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
65. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
66. sq_____er settlement *n.* a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority

ANSWERS: 58. demographic, 59. romantic, 60. urban, 61. population, 62. constantly, 63. tip, 64. government, 65. passe, 66. squatter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
2. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
3. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
4. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
5. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
6. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
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ANSWERS: 9. government, 10. passe, 11. overwhelming, 12. population, 13. perspective, 14. shining, 15. poverty, 16. punched

17. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

18. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

19. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

20. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

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ANSWERS: 17. brew, 18. bombs, 19. romantic, 20. vibrant, 21. upgrade, 22. humanity, 23. tips, 24. urban

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adj. not having a job, although able to work

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31. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

32. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 25. unemployed, 26. squatters living, 27. renaissance, 28. oppressed, 29. aesthetic, 30. connectivity, 31. numb, 32. dominant

33. The negotiator skillfully _____ the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

- v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

ANSWERS: 33. defused