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Session 1: Word List

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym: dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym: fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

underdeveloped

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

synonym: unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third
consecutive year.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener
in the store.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and
anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

generalist

adj. relating to or characterized by a broad range of
knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or
deep expertise in a particular field or domain

synonym: multidisciplinary, versatile, all-round

(1) **generalist** knowledge, (2) legal **generalist**

The job required a **generalist** approach, which involved
working on various tasks in different fields.

dependable

adj. trustworthy and reliable; capable of being relied on or
depended upon

synonym: reliable, trustworthy, honest

(1) **dependable** product, (2) **dependable** service

Having a **dependable** car is crucial for commuting to work on
time.

paternalism

n. the practice or belief of governing or managing
individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to
be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling
their freedom and autonomy

synonym: guardianship, fatherliness

(1) **paternalism** in healthcare, (2) critique of **paternalism**

The CEO's leadership style was characterized by **paternalism** towards his employees.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute
(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure
We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson
(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**
The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
synonym: coward, deserter, surrender
(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**
He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

coffer

n. a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features

synonym: treasury, strongbox, safe

(1) **coffer** lid, (2) bank **coffer**

The government is trying to replenish the **coffer** by increasing taxes.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

manure

n. organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer

synonym: fertilizer, dung, compost

(1) composted **manure**, (2) animal **manure**

The farmers used cow **manure** to create compost for their crops.

biogas

n. a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel

(1) **biogas** plant, (2) **biogas** digester

The **biogas** produced from organic waste was used to generate electricity.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

Session 2: Spelling

1. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
2. an und_____ped child *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
3. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
4. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
5. une_____ed society *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
6. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
7. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
8. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
9. pat_____sm in healthcare *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

ANSWERS: 1. villager, 2. underdeveloped, 3. quitter, 4. electrify, 5. uneducated, 6. capita, 7. decentralize, 8. decentralize, 9. paternalism

10. dep_____le product *adj.* trustworthy and reliable; capable of being relied on or depended upon
11. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
12. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
13. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
14. co____r lid *n.* a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features
15. bi____s digester *n.* a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel
16. legal gen_____st *adj.* relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain
17. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
18. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 10. dependable, 11. elusive, 12. capita, 13. sibling, 14. coffer, 15. biogas, 16. generalist, 17. subsidize, 18. flourish

19. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
20. critique of pat_____sm *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
21. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
22. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
23. gen_____st knowledge *adj.* relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain
24. composted ma_____e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
25. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
26. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
27. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
28. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 19. stumble, 20. paternalism, 21. quitter, 22. creditor, 23. generalist, 24. manure, 25. aft, 26. blacksmith, 27. unproductive, 28. medicinal

29. investment ba___r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
30. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
31. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
32. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
33. remain und_____ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
34. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
35. une_____ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
36. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
37. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
38. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
39. time-saving ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
40. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
41. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 29. banker, 30. gadget, 31. flourish, 32. medicinal, 33. underdeveloped, 34. improvisation, 35. uneducated, 36. unproductive, 37. electrify, 38. stumble, 39. gadget, 40. blacksmith, 41. villager

42. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
43. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
44. dep_____le service *adj.* trustworthy and reliable; capable of being relied on or depended upon
45. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
46. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
47. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
48. bi___s plant *n.* a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel
49. animal ma___e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
50. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
51. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
52. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 42. banker, 43. elusive, 44. dependable, 45. empower, 46. sibling, 47. creditor, 48. biogas, 49. manure, 50. subsidize, 51. aft, 52. empower

53. jazz imp_____ion

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

54. bank co___r

n. a strongbox or chest used for storing valuable objects or money; a fund or treasury, especially one used to hold or manage money, assets, or resources; a recessed panel used to decorate ceilings or other architectural features

ANSWERS: 53. improvisation, 54. coffer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
2. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
3. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
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ANSWERS: 1. aft, 2. decentralize, 3. capita, 4. flourished, 5. coffer, 6. villagers, 7. stumbled

8. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
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9. Many people in _____ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.
adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
10. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
11. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
12. The lack of access to education has left many people _____.
adj. lacking knowledge or education
13. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
14. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
15. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
16. The farmers used cow _____ to create compost for their crops.
n. organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer

ANSWERS: 8. empowered, 9. underdeveloped, 10. improvisation, 11. creditor, 12. uneducated, 13. blacksmith, 14. Bankers, 15. elusive, 16. manure

17. The CEO's leadership style was characterized by _____ towards his employees.
- n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
18. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
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20. Having a _____ car is crucial for commuting to work on time.
- adj.* trustworthy and reliable; capable of being relied on or depended upon
21. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
22. The job required a _____ approach, which involved working on various tasks in different fields.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain
23. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 17. paternalism, 18. subsidize, 19. siblings, 20. dependable, 21. electrify, 22. generalist, 23. medicinal

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adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

25. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

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n. a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel

27. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

ANSWERS: 24. unproductive, 25. quitter, 26. biogas, 27. gadget