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Session 1: Word List

climate *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

unbelievable *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

obvious *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

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.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym: adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product
The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

slurry

n. a semi-liquid mixture, typically a combination of water, mud, or industrial waste; a thin, watery mixture of cement or other building material used to fill in gaps or cover surfaces

synonym: mixture, mud, paste

(1) **slurry** pump, (2) limestone **slurry**

The construction workers used a **slurry** of cement and water to reinforce the structure's foundation.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's

environment.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

lick

v. to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

synonym: taste, moisten, sweep

(1) **lick** a teaspoon, (2) **lick** its wounds
She **licked** the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

synonym: band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog
He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission
Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
2. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
3. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
4. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
5. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
6. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
7. re_____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
8. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
9. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
10. su__i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

ANSWERS: 1. absolutely, 2. equivalent, 3. equip, 4. carbon, 5. environment, 6. fin, 7. redesign, 8. pound, 9. probable, 10. sushi

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| 11. vice-pr_____nt for finance | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 12. ge_____te \$100 a month | <i>v.</i> to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction |
| 13. thousands of po__ds | <i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces |
| 14. v__e-chair of the committee | <i>n.</i> wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person |
| 15. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 16. sl___y pump | <i>n.</i> a semi-liquid mixture, typically a combination of water, mud, or industrial waste; a thin, watery mixture of cement or other building material used to fill in gaps or cover surfaces |
| 17. re_____gn project | <i>v.</i> to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again |
| 18. decision-making pr_____s | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |

ANSWERS: 11. president, 12. generate, 13. pound, 14. vice, 15. excite, 16. slurry, 17. redesign, 18. process

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| 19. even more unf_____ely | <i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily |
| 20. ex_____ng news | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 21. abs_____ly against | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 22. l_b instrument | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |
| 23. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 24. the in_____on of new techniques | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 25. manually op_____e a machine | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 26. man_____re an enzyme | <i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines |
| 27. sc__y story | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating |
| 28. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 29. pr_____nt emeritus | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 30. ob_____s reasons | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 31. co____r of a shirt | <i>n.</i> a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something |

ANSWERS: 19. unfortunately, 20. exciting, 21. absolutely, 22. lab, 23. footprint, 24. invention, 25. operate, 26. manufacture, 27. scary, 28. footprint, 29. president, 30. obvious, 31. collar

32. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
33. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
34. in____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
35. re____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
36. in____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
37. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
38. ce____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
39. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
40. man____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
41. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 32. brand, 33. climate, 34. install, 35. recycle, 36. install, 37. decide, 38. ceremony, 39. vice, 40. manufacture, 41. brand

42. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
43. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
44. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
45. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
46. co___r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
47. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
48. l__k its wounds *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
49. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
50. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
51. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 42. scary, 43. fin, 44. arctic, 45. operate, 46. collar, 47. recycle, 48. lick, 49. arctic, 50. decide, 51. cement

52. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
53. su__i bar *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
54. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
55. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
56. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
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ANSWERS: 52. cement, 53. sushi, 54. gallon, 55. unbelievable, 56. panel, 57. process, 58. probable

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64. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
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66. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
67. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

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ANSWERS: 68. generate, 69. climate, 70. environment, 71. excite, 72. ceremony, 73. exciting, 74. lick, 75. slurry, 76. steel, 77. unbelievable, 78. hop

79. h_p on one foot

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

80. his conclusion was ob____s

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 79. hop, 80. obvious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
2. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
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