Stage 2 - Round 3

Word: nocturnal
Pronunciation: (say nok-ter-nuhl)
Sentence: Possums and bats are nocturnal animals.

Word: telescope
Pronunciation: (say tel-uh-skohp)
Sentence: The stars looked much brighter through the telescope.

Word: recuperate
Pronunciation: (say ruh-koo-koo-rayt or ree-koo-rayt)
Sentence: It did not take her long to recuperate from the virus because she was so fit.

Word: faucet
Pronunciation: (say faw-suht)
Sentence: Water was dripping from the tap because the faucet hadn’t been turned off completely.

Word: plateau
Pronunciation: (say plat-oh)
Sentence: From the plateau, at the top of the mountain, we could see the endless plain beyond.

Word: relic
Pronunciation: (say rel-ik)
Sentence: This ancient statue is a relic of a great civilisation.

Word: exercise
Pronunciation: (say eks-uh-suyz)
Sentence: Walking is good exercise.

Word: communist
Pronunciation: (say kom-yuh-nist)
Sentence: Citizens aren’t always treated equally in a communist regime.
Word: utmost
Pronunciation: (say *ut*-mohst)
Sentence: The festivities would strain the small town’s resources to the utmost.

Word: bovine
Pronunciation: (say *boh*-vuyn)
Sentence: Cattle, water buffalo and yaks are all part of the bovine family.

Word: blizzard
Pronunciation: (say *bliz*-uhd)
Sentence: We got caught in a blizzard on the way back from our skiing trip.

Word: petunia
Pronunciation: (say *puh*-tyoohn-yah)
Sentence: The nursery potted the petunia for us so we didn’t have to do it ourselves at home.

Word: incisor
Pronunciation: (say *in-suy*-zuh)
Sentence: When the ball hit her in her mouth, her left incisor was knocked loose.

Word: eminence
Pronunciation: (say *em-uh-nuhns)
Sentence: After many years of hard work, she had reached a position of eminence in her profession.

Word: frieze
Pronunciation: (say *freeze*)
Sentence: A frieze had been carved all the way around the ancient building.

Word: organic
Pronunciation: (say *aw-gan-ik*)
Sentence: They only use organic fertilizers on their crops.
Word: correlate
Pronunciation: (say ko-ruh-layt)
Sentence: We had to correlate one set of figures with another.

Word: chariot
Pronunciation: (say char-ree-uht)
Sentence: The actor had to learn to control a chariot for his role in the film about ancient Rome.

Word: endemic
Pronunciation: (say en-dem-ik)
Sentence: Malaria is endemic in many tropical countries.

Word: abscond
Pronunciation: (say uhb-skond)
Sentence: The treasurer planned to abscond with the club’s money.

Word: bizarre
Pronunciation: (say buh-zah)
Sentence: The doctors were very worried by his bizarre behaviour.

Word: inflation
Pronunciation: (say in-flay-shuhn)
Sentence: When inflation occurs, your money can buy less and less.

Word: republic
Pronunciation: (say ruh-pub-lik)
Sentence: Australia is not a republic but the United States is.

Word: loofah
Pronunciation: (say looh-fah)
Sentence: The gift basket contained two scented soaps, a loofah, and a moisturiser.

Word: obesity
Pronunciation: (say oh-bee-suh-tee)
Sentence: Rates of obesity are increasing in Australia.
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<td>(say ray-zuhn)</td>
<td>It's nice to have a raisin or two with cheese.</td>
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<td>(say fuh-teeg)</td>
<td>The rescued bushwalkers were suffering from fatigue.</td>
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<td>(say ep-uh-dem-ik)</td>
<td>Before vaccinations, an epidemic of flu could kill thousands of people.</td>
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<td>(say mol-uhsk)</td>
<td>A snail is a mollusc, and so is an oyster.</td>
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<td>(say dyoooh-gong)</td>
<td>The dugong was hunted for its meat and oil by some Aboriginal people.</td>
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<td>(say i-tal-iks or uy-tal-iks)</td>
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<td>(say pa-ruh-plee-juh)</td>
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<td>(say sen-suhs)</td>
<td>The government conducts a census of the whole country every five years.</td>
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Word: **quantitative**

Pronunciation: (say *kwon*-tuh-tuh-tiv or *kwon*-tuh-tay-tiv)

Sentence: The analysts used quantitative data to make their comparisons.

Word: **ultimate**

Pronunciation: (say ul-tah-muht)

Sentence: The ultimate objective is to get to the finals.

Word: **briefcase**

Pronunciation: (say breef-kays)

Sentence: Mum could never fit her lunch in her briefcase, so she always had to take another bag.

Word: **telecast**

Pronunciation: (say tel-uh-kahst)

Sentence: The telecast was to be screened at eight o’clock that night so we made sure we got home in time.

Word: **misspell**

Pronunciation: (say mis-spel)

Sentence: You can’t afford to misspell a word in this competition if you want to do well.

Word: **redolent**

Pronunciation: (say red-uh-luhnt)

Sentence: The night air was redolent of the scent of roses.

Word: **appetite**

Pronunciation: (say ap-uh-tuyt)

Sentence: Your appetite is always good after you go hiking in the bush.

Word: **modular**

Pronunciation: (say mod-yuh-luh)

Sentence: The library has modular furniture which can easily be moved around for different purposes.
Word: species
Pronunciation: (spee-seez)
Sentence: Chimpanzees are a species of monkey.

Word: lyrics
Pronunciation: (say li-riks)
Sentence: Can you remember the lyrics of that song we heard last night?

Word: trombone
Pronunciation: (say trom-bohn)
Sentence: Joe gets very annoyed when his sister practises her trombone while he is trying to poach eggs.

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