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Session 1: Word List

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.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

meticulous

adj. cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
synonym: careful, precise, thorough

(1) take **meticulous** notes, (2) a **meticulous** carpenter

She is known for her **meticulous** attention to detail in her work.

psychoanalysis

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

(1) freudian **psychoanalysis**, (2) **psychoanalysis** technique

She sought **psychoanalysis** to understand her childhood traumas.

linguistics

n. the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics

synonym: language studies, phonology, etymology

(1) comparative **linguistics**, (2) **linguistics** professor

A new study in **linguistics** research showed that bilingualism delays the onset of dementia.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym: refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym: name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

verbatim

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

synonym: word-for-word, exactly, literally

(1) quote his words **verbatim**, (2) **verbatim** transcript

The court reporter transcribed the testimony **verbatim** to ensure accuracy.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

insistence

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym : persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

chronology

n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

synonym : history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
2. a met_____us carpenter *adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
3. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
4. astronomical chr_____gy *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
5. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
6. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
7. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
8. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
9. chr_____gy order *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
10. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
11. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
12. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 1. obsess, 2. meticulous, 3. sophistication, 4. chronology, 5. rethink, 6. sophistication, 7. insistence, 8. fury, 9. chronology, 10. flourish, 11. fury, 12. anthropology

13. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
14. lin_____cs professor *n.* the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics
15. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
16. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
17. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
18. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
19. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
20. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
21. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
22. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
23. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
24. freudian psy_____sis *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

ANSWERS: 13. dub, 14. linguistics, 15. exert, 16. depict, 17. portray, 18. rethink, 19. flourish, 20. worldview, 21. abrupt, 22. contend, 23. disparate, 24. psychoanalysis

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33. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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