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Session 1: Word List

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

precinct

n. a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures

synonym: district, zone, area

(1) shopping **precinct**, (2) **precinct** voting

The police officer patrolled the **precinct** and responded to calls for assistance.

tokenism

n. the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality

synonym: insincerity, lip service

(1) an act of **tokenism**, (2) criticized for its **tokenism**

The company was accused of **tokenism** for only hiring one woman for the ten-person team.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye
She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

unreal

adj. imaginary; not existing in fact

synonym: false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation

The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

interweave

v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

synonym:

intertwine, intertwist, interlace

(1) **interweave** threads, (2) **interweave** ideas

The author expertly tried to **interweave** the story's plot and characters.

streamer

n. a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

synonym: banner, flag, bunting

(1) trail a **streamer**, (2) game **streamer**

The cooking **streamer** demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
2. trail a st_____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
3. int_____ve ideas *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
4. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
6. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
7. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
9. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 1. immerse, 2. streamer, 3. interweave, 4. industrious, 5. distract, 6. compress, 7. industrious, 8. takeaway, 9. augment

10. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
11. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
12. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
13. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
14. shopping pr_____ct *n.* a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures
15. un____l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
16. pr_____ct voting *n.* a defined geographic or administrative area within a larger jurisdiction, typically used for purposes such as voting or law enforcement; an enclosed or circumscribed space, often surrounded by walls or other structures
17. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
18. int_____ve threads *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

ANSWERS: 10. sprinkler, 11. blueprint, 12. improvisation, 13. augment, 14. precinct, 15. unreal, 16. precinct, 17. takeaway, 18. interweave

19. an act of to_____sm *n.* the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality
20. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. tw___h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
22. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
23. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
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ANSWERS: 19. tokenism, 20. improvisation, 21. twitch, 22. twitch, 23. compress, 24. blueprint, 25. immerse, 26. tokenism

27. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
28. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
29. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
30. have an un___l feeling *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
31. game st_____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
32. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
33. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
34. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 27. cognition, 28. intensify, 29. distract, 30. unreal, 31. streamer, 32. intensify, 33. sprinkler, 34. cognition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
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2. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
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v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
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ANSWERS: 8. unreal, 9. cognition, 10. intensify, 11. takeaway, 12. twitching, 13. interweave, 14. augmented, 15. improvisation

16. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.

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17. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 16. sprinkler, 17. industrious