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Session 1: Word List

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

stalk

- v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

app

- n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

millennial

- adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

prognosis

- n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

synonym: prospect, forecast, diagnosis

(1) **prognosis** of cancer, (2) poor **prognosis**

The doctor gave a positive **prognosis** for her recovery from the illness.

synching

n. the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters

synonym: synchronizing, harmonizing, aligning

(1) **synching** data, (2) **synching** devices

The pop star was accused of lip- **synching** during her concert, as many fans noticed that her mouth movements did not match the lyrics of the song.

juxtaposition

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

synonym: apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**

The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

tampon

n. a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow

synonym: feminine hygiene product, sanitary pad, sanitary napkin

(1) **tampon** applicator, (2) feminine **tampon**

The **tampon** dispenser in the women's restroom was empty.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym: bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

bandmate

n. a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group

synonym: band member, collaborator, teammate

(1) talented **bandmate**, (2) former **bandmate**

It's important to have good communication with your **bandmates** during rehearsals and performances.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

yap

v. to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something

synonym : bark, yap, jabber

(1) **yap** loudly, (2) **yap** away for hours

He's always **yapping** about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.

microgravity

n. a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station

synonym : zero gravity, weightlessness, freefall

(1) **microgravity** research, (2) **microgravity** environment

Astronauts experience the effects of **microgravity** when they are in space.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym : period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

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.

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym : loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

Session 2: Spelling

1. talented ba____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
2. German sa____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
3. en____e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
4. y_p loudly *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
5. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. en____e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
7. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
8. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 1. bandmate, 2. sausage, 3. enrage, 4. yap, 5. app, 6. enrage, 7. app, 8. quitter

9. former ba_____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
10. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
11. mic_____ity environment *n.* a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station
12. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
13. ta____n applicator *n.* a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow
14. pr_____is of cancer *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
15. poor pr_____is *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

ANSWERS: 9. bandmate, 10. unfold, 11. microgravity, 12. tame, 13. tampon, 14. prognosis, 15. prognosis

16. y_p away for hours *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
17. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
18. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
19. artistic jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
20. sy_____ng devices *n.* the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters
21. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
22. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
23. unusual jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

ANSWERS: 16. yap, 17. singe, 18. millennial, 19. juxtaposition, 20. synching, 21. millennial, 22. tweet, 23. juxtaposition

24. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
25. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
26. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
27. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
28. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
29. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
30. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
31. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
32. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 24. furious, 25. stalk, 26. menstruate, 27. afterward, 28. afterward, 29. tame, 30. slack, 31. unfold, 32. tweet

33. lo____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
34. feminine ta____n *n.* a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow
35. sy____ng data *n.* the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters
36. go on lo____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
37. failure to men____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
38. beef sa____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
39. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
40. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 33. lockdown, 34. tampon, 35. synching, 36. lockdown, 37. menstruate,

38. sausage, 39. slack, 40. stalk

41. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
42. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
43. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
44. mic______ity research *n.* a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station

ANSWERS: 41. quitter, 42. furious, 43. singe, 44. microgravity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The painting's _____ of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.
 - n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
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ANSWERS: 15. yapping, 16. tampon, 17. enraged, 18. microgravity, 19. prognosis, 20. afterward, 21. millennial-scale, 22. app's

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