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Session 1: Word List

- ram** *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
synonym: crash, collide, slam
(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.
- illiterate** *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled
(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**
Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.
- 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.
- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

preferential

adj. showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

synonym : preferential treatment, biased, partial

(1) **preferential** seating, (2) **preferential** pricing

The **preferential** treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym : run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

discreet

adj. characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

synonym : cautious, careful, circumspect

(1) **discreet** manner, (2) **discreet** conversation

He was **discreet** with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful

backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym: serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

unwelcome

adj. not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

synonym: uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

berate

v. to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely

synonym: rebuke, scold, criticize

(1) **berate** him for his mistakes, (2) **berate** a child

She would **berate** her husband for not taking out the trash every day.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ab___t a girl | v. | to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom |
| 2. el___e secretly | v. | to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. un_____me interruption | <i>adj.</i> | not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure |
| 5. sn___h up her purse | v. | to take or grab something suddenly or quickly |
| 6. sp___l a person's sport | v. | to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad |
| 7. r_m into the ice | v. | to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force |
| 8. em_____ss my project | v. | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 9. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. abduct, 2. elope, 3. menstruate, 4. unwelcome, 5. snatch, 6. spoil, 7. ram, 8. embarrass, 9. menstruate

10. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
11. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
12. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
13. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
14. sn____h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
15. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
16. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. ab____t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
18. di_____et manner *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
19. be____e him for his mistakes *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely

ANSWERS: 10. illiterate, 11. stereotype, 12. sibling, 13. tote, 14. snatch, 15. embarrass, 16. industrious, 17. abduct, 18. discreet, 19. berate

20. un_____me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
21. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
22. ch__e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
23. paper na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
24. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
25. be___e a child *v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely
26. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
27. el__e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
28. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
29. household ch__es *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
30. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 20. unwelcome, 21. unseen, 22. chore, 23. napkin, 24. spoil, 25. berate, 26. stereotype, 27. elope, 28. unseen, 29. chore, 30. rev

31. linen na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
32. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
33. pre_____ial seating *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
34. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
35. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
36. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
37. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
39. di_____et conversation *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

ANSWERS: 31. napkin, 32. disrupt, 33. preferential, 34. unheard, 35. tote, 36. ram, 37. industrious, 38. nuance, 39. discreet

40. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
41. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
42. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
43. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
44. rich in nu_____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
45. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
46. pre_____ial pricing *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

ANSWERS: 40. illiterate, 41. disrupt, 42. sibling, 43. unheard, 44. nuance, 45. rev, 46. preferential

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
 - n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

2. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
 - v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

3. She would _____ her husband for not taking out the trash every day.
 - v.* to scold or criticize harshly, often in a loud or angry manner; to rebuke or chastise severely

4. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
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5. He was _____ with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.
 - adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

6. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?
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7. Cleaning the house is a _____ that only some enjoy.
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ANSWERS: 1. nuance, 2. disrupt, 3. berate, 4. spoil, 5. discreet, 6. tote, 7. chore

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ANSWERS: 8. abducted, 9. industrious, 10. siblings, 11. rammed, 12. illiterate, 13. stereotypes, 14. elope, 15. unheard

16. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
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ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. napkins, 18. embarrass, 19. unseen, 20. unwelcome, 21. preferential, 22. snatches, 23. menstruate

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