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Session 1: Word List

whir

- v. to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air

synonym: whizz, buzz, hum

- (1) **whir** up and down, (2) machines **whirring**

The sound of the engine **whirred** as the plane took off.

sling

- v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

- (1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

dusty

- adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

- (1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of

dusty debris.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym: excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

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.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

tradesman

n. a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

synonym : artisan, craftsman, worker

(1) successful **tradesman**, (2) a fellow- **tradesman**

The skilled **tradesman** repaired the broken window with ease.

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

weld

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

synonym : fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes

He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

mason

n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

synonym : bricklayer, stonemason, masonry worker

(1) **mason** jar, (2) the craft of a **mason**

The accomplished **mason** expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

multiracial

adj. consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

synonym: multiethnic, mixed, diverse

(1) **multiracial** society, (2) **multiracial** family

The **multiracial** community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.

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.

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym: please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

synonym: not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**

The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

unfilled

adj. not having become or been made full

synonym: vacant, empty

(1) an **unfilled** space, (2) **unfilled** orders

He jotted down business ideas on an **unfilled** space at the beginning of a receipt.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support
Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym : learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

microcosm

n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

synonym : miniature, tiny world, little universe

(1) soil **microcosm**, (2) environmental **microcosm**

The small town felt like a **microcosm** of the larger society.

toolbox

n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

synonym: tool chest, tool kit, tool bag

(1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage

You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case of an emergency.

ferocity

n. the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness

synonym: fierceness, intensity, violence

(1) roar with **ferocity**, (2) the **ferocity** of the battle

The **ferocity** of the windstorm knocked over trees and caused power outages.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

Session 2: Spelling

1. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
2. poor te_____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
3. te_____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
4. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
5. a young app_____ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
6. w__r up and down *v.* to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air
7. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
8. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
9. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. nurture, 2. teamwork, 3. teamwork, 4. expansive, 5. apprentice, 6. whirl, 7. hover, 8. brute, 9. nerd

10. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
11. 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
12. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
13. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
14. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
15. mul_____al family *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
16. design to_____x *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
17. an apprentice ca_____er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

ANSWERS: 10. determinant, 11. stereotype, 12. dung, 13. sling, 14. nerd, 15. multiracial, 16. toolbox, 17. carpenter

18. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
19. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
20. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
21. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
23. roar with fe_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness
24. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
25. w__d a team of such people *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
26. 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
27. mul_____al society *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

ANSWERS: 18. untapped, 19. masculine, 20. chop, 21. industrious, 22. dusty, 23. ferocity, 24. brute, 25. weld, 26. stereotype, 27. multiracial

28. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
29. in____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
30. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
31. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
33. the craft of a ma__n *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
34. w__d two broken pipes *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
35. an un_____ed space *adj.* not having become or been made full
36. environmental mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
37. cognitive dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
38. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 28. chop, 29. instruct, 30. unconditional, 31. opportune, 32. quitter, 33. mason, 34. weld, 35. unfilled, 36. microcosm, 37. dissonance, 38. masculine

39. gr____y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
40. soil mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
41. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
42. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
43. presently non_____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
44. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. un_____ed orders *adj.* not having become or been made full
46. gr____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
47. machines w__rring *v.* to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air

ANSWERS: 39. gratify, 40. microcosm, 41. carpenter, 42. dung, 43. non-existent, 44. industrious, 45. unfilled, 46. gratify, 47. whir

48. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
49. a fellow-tr_____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
50. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
51. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
52. to_____x storage *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
53. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
54. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
55. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
56. non_____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
57. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 48. untapped, 49. tradesman, 50. quitter, 51. dusty, 52. toolbox, 53. expansive, 54. sling, 55. instruct, 56. non-existent, 57. determinant

58. nu____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
59. the fe____ty of the battle *n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness
60. ma__n jar *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
61. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
62. musical dis____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
63. unc____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
64. successful tr____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
65. app____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
66. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 58. nurture, 59. ferocity, 60. mason, 61. hover, 62. dissonance, 63. unconditional, 64. tradesman, 65. apprentice, 66. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Two birds were _____ overhead.
v. to stay in one place in the air
2. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
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n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
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6. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
7. The skilled _____ repaired the broken window with ease.
n. a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

ANSWERS: 1. hovering, 2. slinging, 3. dissonance, 4. gratify, 5. weld, 6. chopped, 7. tradesman

8. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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ANSWERS: 8. determinant, 9. dusty, 10. non-existent, 11. microcosm, 12. mason, 13. toolbox, 14. apprentice, 15. whirred

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ANSWERS: 16. dung, 17. instructed, 18. Carpenter, 19. teamwork, 20. nurture, 21. multiracial, 22. unfilled, 23. ferocity

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ANSWERS: 24. stereotypes, 25. untapped, 26. expansive, 27. quitter, 28. brute, 29. unconditional, 30. masculine, 31. opportune

32. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 32. nerd, 33. industrious