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Session 1: Word List

unexplained

adj. not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious

synonym: mysterious, inexplicable, enigmatic

(1) **unexplained** phenomenon, (2) **unexplained** disappearance

There was an **unexplained** noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.

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**.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty
His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung
The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate
She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
synonym: sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

pang

n. a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort

synonym: throe, spasm, ache

(1) **pangs** of hunger, (2) **pang** of regret

I felt a **pang** of guilt for not visiting my grandparents more often.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

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.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

concentric

adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another

synonym: homocentric, nested, circular

(1) **concentric** design, (2) **concentric** shades of color

Concentric circles surrounded the target on the shooting range.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization
The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

unselfish

adj. showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic

synonym: selfless, altruistic, generous

(1) **unselfish** sacrifice, (2) **unselfish** motive

Her **unselfish** actions earned her the admiration of many.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

stanza

n. a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme

synonym: verse, division, section

(1) poetic **stanza**, (2) opening **stanza**

The poem was divided into three **stanzas**, each with its unique message and rhythm.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

outpouring

n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

synonym: outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

accentuate

v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive
The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling
As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

outbound

adj. going or traveling away from a particular place; intended for or leading to a destination outside a particular place

synonym: outgoing, leaving, departing

(1) **outbound** e-mail, (2) the **outbound** flight
He was on an **outbound** train.

credo

n. a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

synonym: belief, doctrine, principle

(1) artist's **credo**, (2) the **credo** of a philosophy
His business **credo** was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

synonym: enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite
He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

unsung

adj. not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

synonym : unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

synonym : astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

checkbook

n. a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

synonym : check register, bank ledger, account book

(1) update your **checkbook**, (2) keep a **checkbook**

I need to balance my **checkbook** to ensure I spend my money wisely.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
2. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
3. opening st___a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
4. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
5. poetic st___a *n.* a group of lines of poetry that form a unit; a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together, usually with a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme
6. artist's cr__o *n.* a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
7. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
8. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
9. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
10. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 1. upfront, 2. dizzy, 3. stanza, 4. chairperson, 5. stanza, 6. credo, 7. explode, 8. diminish, 9. culminate, 10. generosity

11. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
12. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
13. r__o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
14. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
15. artistic out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
16. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
18. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
19. co_____te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
20. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 11. chairperson, 12. misguided, 13. redo, 14. avert, 15. outpouring, 16. blur, 17. unequivocal, 18. deflation, 19. cocreate, 20. resigned

21. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
22. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
23. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
24. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
25. un____g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
26. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
27. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
28. une_____ed phenomenon *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
29. co_____te our life *v.* to create something by working with others
30. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
31. the cr__o of a philosophy *n.* a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
32. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 21. staggering, 22. dizzy, 23. reshape, 24. weave, 25. unsung, 26. upfront, 27. avert, 28. unexplained, 29. cocreate, 30. generosity, 31. credo, 32. sibling

33. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
34. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
36. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
37. p__gs of hunger *n.* a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort
38. ou_____nd e-mail *adj.* going or traveling away from a particular place; intended for or leading to a destination outside a particular place
39. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
40. re_____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
41. emotional out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
42. li_____te a company *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
43. update your ch_____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

ANSWERS: 33. terrify, 34. industrious, 35. culminate, 36. explode, 37. pang, 38. outbound, 39. amplify, 40. rekindle, 41. outpouring, 42. liquidate, 43. checkbook

44. un_____sh sacrifice *adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic
45. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
46. un___g accomplishment *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
47. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
48. une_____ed disappearance *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
49. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
50. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
51. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
52. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
53. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
54. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

ANSWERS: 44. unselfish, 45. misguided, 46. unsung, 47. sibling, 48. unexplained, 49. smartphone, 50. headquarter, 51. confer, 52. amplify, 53. unequivocal, 54. accentuate

55. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
56. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
57. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
58. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
59. con_____ic shades of color *adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
60. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
61. un_____sh motive *adj.* showing concern for or devotion to others' welfare and interests rather than one's own; altruistic
62. the ou_____nd flight *adj.* going or traveling away from a particular place; intended for or leading to a destination outside a particular place
63. re_____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
64. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
65. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 55. headquarter, 56. weave, 57. unleash, 58. underpin, 59. concentric, 60. unleash, 61. unselfish, 62. outbound, 63. rekindle, 64. terrify, 65. industrious

66. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
67. p__g of regret *n.* a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort
68. li_____te debt *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
69. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
70. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
71. keep a ch_____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
72. re___h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
73. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
74. re___h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
75. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
76. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

ANSWERS: 66. blur, 67. pang, 68. liquidate, 69. storytelling, 70. reshape, 71. checkbook, 72. relish, 73. smartphone, 74. relish, 75. storytelling, 76. redo

77. con_____ic design *adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
78. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
79. acc_____te the positive *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
80. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
81. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
82. de_____on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
83. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
84. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 77. concentric, 78. underpin, 79. accentuate, 80. confer, 81. staggering, 82. deflation, 83. diminish, 84. resigned

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

2. The _____ of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.
n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

3. His business _____ was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.
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v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

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7. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

ANSWERS: 1. storytelling, 2. outpouring, 3. credo, 4. avert, 5. reshaped, 6. liquidate, 7. relished

8. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
9. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
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12. _____ circles surrounded the target on the shooting range.
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n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
14. He was on an _____ train.
adj. going or traveling away from a particular place; intended for or leading to a destination outside a particular place
15. I felt a _____ of guilt for not visiting my grandparents more often.
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ANSWERS: 8. exploded, 9. confer, 10. blur, 11. upfront, 12. Concentric, 13. siblings, 14. outbound, 15. pang

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n. a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
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ANSWERS: 16. unleash, 17. headquarters, 18. amplify, 19. resigned, 20. cocreate, 21. checkbook, 22. generosity, 23. unexplained

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27. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

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adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

29. The amount of money required was _____.

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

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v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 24. unsung, 25. deflation, 26. stanzas, 27. unequivocal, 28. misguided, 29. staggering, 30. weaves

31. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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ANSWERS: 31. industrious, 32. dizzy, 33. culminate, 34. terrify, 35. smartphones, 36. underpin, 37. accentuate, 38. redo, 39. unselfish

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