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Session 1: Word List

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.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

midway

adv. in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

synonym: halfway, in the middle

(1) **midway** between our houses, (2) **midway** through the flight

We stopped at a restaurant **midway** through our road trip for lunch.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

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.

heath

n. an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

synonym : moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

reminiscence

n. a recollection or memory, particularly one that is pleasant or nostalgic in nature; a story or account about past experiences or events

synonym: memory, recollection, flashback

(1) personal **reminiscence**, (2) **reminiscence** therapy

The old photo album was filled with wonderful **reminiscences** of my parent's wedding day.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. steel-framed sky_____er | <i>n.</i> a very tall building, typically one in a city |
| 2. ex_____ve ocean views | <i>adj.</i> large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk |
| 3. sky_____er apartment house | <i>n.</i> a very tall building, typically one in a city |
| 4. personal rem_____nce | <i>n.</i> a recollection or memory, particularly one that is pleasant or nostalgic in nature; a story or account about past experiences or events |
| 5. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 6. co___r degree | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 7. dis_____ely affected | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else |
| 8. mi___y through the flight | <i>adv.</i> in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages |
| 9. show di_____t at his actions | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval |
| 10. public di_____t | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval |
| 11. c__w each word | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it |
| 12. dis_____ely high | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else |

ANSWERS: 1. skyscraper, 2. expansive, 3. skyscraper, 4. reminiscence, 5. obsess, 6. confer, 7. disproportionately, 8. midway, 9. disgust, 10. disgust, 11. chew, 12. disproportionately

13. minimalist wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
14. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
15. he__h habitat *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
16. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
17. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
18. walk-in wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
19. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
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21. with an ex____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
22. rem____nce therapy *n.* a recollection or memory, particularly one that is pleasant or nostalgic in nature; a story or account about past experiences or events

ANSWERS: 13. wardrobe, 14. yell, 15. heath, 16. chew, 17. confer, 18. wardrobe, 19. mimic, 20. midway, 21. expansive, 22. reminiscence

23. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
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26. small he__h *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

ANSWERS: 23. obsess, 24. yell, 25. mimic, 26. heath

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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13. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
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ANSWERS: 9. obsessed, 10. heath, 11. reminiscences, 12. disgust, 13. mimic