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Session 1: Word List

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset
synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

roe

n. the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item

synonym: fish eggs, caviar, spawn

(1) **roe** production, (2) salmon **roe**

The restaurant serves delicious sushi made with fresh **roe**.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

overrule

v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

synonym: override, countermand, supersede

(1) **overrule** decision, (2) **overrule** judgment

The judge **overruled** the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym : delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

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.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

repudiate

v. to reject or disown something or someone

synonym : reject, disown

(1) **repudiate** a claim, (2) **repudiate** idea

The government **repudiated** the treaty after the war.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym :

legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

undue

adj. excessive, unwarranted, or improper; not justified by the circumstances; beyond what is appropriate or reasonable

synonym: excessive, unwarranted, unjustified

(1) **undue** favoritism towards certain industries, (2) **undue** hardship

Undue pressure from my boss caused me to feel overwhelmed and stressed.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

legislator

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

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.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

wrest

v. to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something

synonym: seize, snatch, grab

(1) **wrest** information from the reluctant witness, (2) **wrest** control of the city

The politician tried to **wrest** the microphone from the moderator during the heated debate.

rein

n. a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

synonym : strap, harness, headstall

(1) tight **rein**, (2) **rein** in costs

The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the **rein** as the horse bolted.

paternity

n. the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

synonym : fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym : barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym : rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

Session 2: Spelling

1. par_____se the meaning
v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
2. bankrupt cr_____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. serial qu_____r
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
4. cash bo_____y
n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
5. in_____le land
adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
6. incumbent leg_____or
n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
7. r__n in costs
n. a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
8. salmon r_e
n. the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
9. assisted chi_____th
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

ANSWERS: 1. paraphrase, 2. creditor, 3. quitter, 4. bounty, 5. infertile, 6. legislator, 7. rein, 8. roe, 9. childbirth

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| 10. ov_____rn a decision | v. | to turn something upside down; to upset |
| 11. ov_____rn a table | v. | to turn something upside down; to upset |
| 12. up____d tradition | v. | to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 13. co_____er of the university | n. | one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 14. the cr_____or's claims | n. | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 15. vi_____nt about hand-washing | adj. | keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties |
| 16. en_____e him to a pension | v. | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 17. ov_____le decision | v. | to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action |
| 18. up____d the law | v. | to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 19. family me____r | n. | a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events |
| 20. dw_____e to almost nothing | v. | to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller |
| 21. re_____te a claim | v. | to reject or disown something or someone |
| 22. vi_____nt watch | adj. | keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties |

ANSWERS: 10. overturn, 11. overturn, 12. uphold, 13. cofounder, 14. creditor, 15. vigilant, 16. entitle, 17. overrule, 18. uphold, 19. memoir, 20. dwindle, 21. repudiate, 22. vigilant

23. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
24. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
25. possessive pr____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
26. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
27. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
28. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
29. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
30. un__e hardship *adj.* excessive, unwarranted, or improper; not justified by the circumstances; beyond what is appropriate or reasonable
31. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 23. wade, 24. fetus, 25. pronoun, 26. depress, 27. confer, 28. enact, 29. fetus, 30. undue, 31. entitle

32. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
33. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
34. natural chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
35. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
36. r_e production *n.* the eggs or egg-filled ovaries of female fish, typically used as a food item
37. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
38. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
39. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
40. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
41. in_____le woman *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
42. tight r__n *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

ANSWERS: 32. wade, 33. cofounder, 34. childbirth, 35. depress, 36. roe, 37. memoir,

38. alarming, 39. unintended, 40. antidote, 41. infertile, 42. rein

43. a bo___y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
44. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
45. wr__t information from the reluctant witness *v.* to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something
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47. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
48. pa_____ty suit *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
49. un__e favoritism towards certain industries *adj.* excessive, unwarranted, or improper; not justified by the circumstances; beyond what is appropriate or reasonable
50. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
51. re_____te idea *v.* to reject or disown something or someone

ANSWERS: 43. bounty, 44. gasp, 45. wrest, 46. paraphrase, 47. staircase, 48. paternity, 49. undue, 50. dwindle, 51. repudiate

52. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
53. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
54. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
55. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
56. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
57. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
58. pa_____ty test *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
59. ov_____le judgment *v.* to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action
60. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
61. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 52. confer, 53. quitter, 54. antidote, 55. staircase, 56. enact, 57. pronoun, 58. paternity, 59. overrule, 60. alarming, 61. unintended

62. wr__t control of the city *v.* to forcibly take or pull something away from someone or something else; to obtain something with great effort or struggle; to twist or contort something
63. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
64. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

ANSWERS: 62. wrest, 63. gasp, 64. legislator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 24. staircase, 25. wrest, 26. depressed, 27. entitled, 28. antidote, 29. rein, 30. creditor

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ANSWERS: 31. enacted, 32. vigilant