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Session 1: Word List

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

puncture

n. a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

synonym : piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**

The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

nestling

n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother

synonym : chick, fledgling, baby bird

(1) **nestling** bird, (2) hungry **nestling**

The mother bird was carefully feeding her **nestlings**.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym : inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

synonym: nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

hatchling

n. a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg

synonym: nestling, fledgling, chick

(1) **hatchling** turtle, (2) snake **hatchling**

The mother bird fiercely protected her **hatchlings** and kept them safe in their nest.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym: offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens
The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

parasitism

n. a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host

synonym: exploitation, dependence, symbiosis

(1) **parasitism** relationship, (2) **parasitism** biology

The study of **parasitism** is a complex field that involves many different types of organisms, interactions, and ecological roles.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

monopolize

v. (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors

synonym: dominate, control, corner

(1) **monopolize** the podium, (2) **monopolize** the industry

The large corporation sought to **monopolize** the market by buying out its competitors.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

occupant

n. a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there

synonym: denizen, dweller, resident

(1) illegal **occupant**, (2) rear seat **occupants**
He found graffiti left by a previous **occupant** of the house.

outcompete

v. to be more successful in competition than someone or something

synonym: outperform, outdo, surpass

(1) **outcompete** peers, (2) **outcompete** domestic producers
To **outcompete** its rivals, the company invested heavily in research and development.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

incubate

v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

synonym: hatch, breed, gestate

(1) **incubate** terrorism in developing countries, (2) **incubate** an idea

The scientists decided to **incubate** the eggs for further study.

saunter

n. a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner

synonym: stroll, walk, amble

(1) leisurely **saunter**, (2) **saunter** down the street

I went for a **saunter** through the park on a beautiful afternoon.

egregious

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

synonym: atrocious, flagrant, heinous

(1) **egregious** claim, (2) an **egregious** error

It was an **egregious** mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.

parasitic

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

synonym: symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

speckle

n. a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color

synonym: fleck, spot, dot

(1) **speckle** pattern, (2) **speckle** noise

The **speckle** of red on the white porcelain vase made it stand out in the antique shop.

catbird

n. a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage

(1) **catbird** seat, (2) black **catbird**

The **catbird's** beautiful song filled the air with melody.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

aberration

n. a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical

synonym: deviation, anomaly, irregularity

(1) random **aberration**, (2) genetic **aberration**

The team's losing streak was an **aberration** from their typical

winning record.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym: get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

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.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation

She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym: cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

warble

v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

synonym: tweet, trill, quaver

(1) **warble** all day long, (2) **warble** incessantly

The singer **warbles** on the street, but no one is listening.

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym : discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

cuckoo

n. a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

synonym : loony, nut, madcap

(1) **cuckoo** clock, (2) **cuckoo** in the nest

The **cuckoo** bird's call echoed through the forest.

noteworthy

adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable

synonym : remarkable, significant, notable

(1) **noteworthy** achievement, (2) **noteworthy** event

The artist's latest work received **noteworthy** critical acclaim.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym : pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

croon

v. to sing or hum in a soothing, gentle manner; to express oneself in a soft, gentle voice

synonym : sing, hum, serenade

(1) **croon** a love song, (2) **croon** in a low voice

The singer likes to **croon** romantic ballads to his audience.

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym : fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of

impostor sellers trying to scam them.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

disdain

v. to look down on

synonym: scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr__n in a low voice
v. to sing or hum in a soothing, gentle manner; to express oneself in a soft, gentle voice
2. sh__e a person aside
v. to push someone or something in a rough way
3. sexual pr____ors
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
4. not____hy achievement
adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
5. s__b in the chest
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
6. brood-pa____ic bird
adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host
7. wa___e incessantly
v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
8. ne____ng bird
n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
9. eg____us claim
adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
10. a tip of the b__k
n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
11. bicycle pu____re
n. a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

ANSWERS: 1. croon, 2. shove, 3. predator, 4. noteworthy, 5. stab, 6. parasitic, 7. warble, 8. nestling, 9. egregious, 10. beak, 11. puncture

12. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
13. illegal oc____nt *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
14. blood-sucking pa____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
15. black ca____d *n.* a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage
16. sp____e pattern *n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color
17. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
18. random abe____on *n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
19. ca____d seat *n.* a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage
20. par____sm relationship *n.* a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host
21. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

ANSWERS: 12. evoke, 13. occupant, 14. parasite, 15. catbird, 16. speckle, 17. shove, 18. aberration, 19. catbird, 20. parasitism, 21. eject

22. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
23. ha_____ng turtle *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
24. br__d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
25. im_____or syndrome *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
26. genetic abe_____on *n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
27. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
28. re_____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
29. leisurely sa_____r *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
30. sp_____e noise *n.* a small, irregular spot or marking, often caused by the presence of dust, dirt, or other particles; (verb) to mark or cover something with small, irregular spots or flecks of color

ANSWERS: 22. mimic, 23. hatchling, 24. brood, 25. impostor, 26. aberration, 27. devote, 28. retaliate, 29. saunter, 30. speckle

31. cu___o in the nest *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
32. cl_____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
33. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
34. rear seat oc_____nts *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
35. hungry ne_____ng *n.* a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
36. di_____n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
37. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
38. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
39. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
40. par_____sm biology *n.* a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host

ANSWERS: 31. cuckoo, 32. clueless, 33. beak, 34. occupant, 35. nestling, 36. disdain, 37. brood, 38. reed, 39. benign, 40. parasitism

41. not_____hy event *adj.* deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
42. cl_____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
43. in_____te an idea *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
44. snake ha_____ng *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
45. detect an im_____or *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
46. cu____o clock *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
47. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
48. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
49. out_____te peers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
50. out_____te domestic producers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
51. ins_____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
52. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 41. noteworthy, 42. clueless, 43. incubate, 44. hatchling, 45. impostor, 46. cuckoo, 47. benign, 48. mimic, 49. outcompete, 50. outcompete, 51. instinctively, 52. stab

53. mon_____ze the industry *v.* (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors
54. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
55. sa_____r down the street *n.* a leisurely and unhurried walk or stroll, often taken for pleasure or to enjoy the surroundings; (*v.*) to walk in a slow, relaxed, and leisurely way, often in a confident and self-assured manner
56. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
57. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
58. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
59. cr__n a love song *v.* to sing or hum in a soothing, gentle manner; to express oneself in a soft, gentle voice
60. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
61. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
62. in_____te terrorism in developing countries *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
63. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 53. monopolize, 54. memorize, 55. saunter, 56. instinctively, 57. evoke, 58. predator, 59. croon, 60. hatch, 61. memorize, 62. incubate, 63. parasite

74. di_____n the policemen

v. to look down on

75. re_____te for the blow

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

76. an eg_____us error

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

ANSWERS: 74. disdain, 75. retaliate, 76. egregious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team's losing streak was an _____ from their typical winning record.
n. a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
2. The mother bird fiercely protected her _____ and kept them safe in their nest.
n. a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
3. The study of _____ is a complex field that involves many different types of organisms, interactions, and ecological roles.
n. a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host
4. The online marketplace warned customers to beware of _____ sellers trying to scam them.
n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
5. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.
v. to push someone or something in a rough way
6. The artist's latest work received _____ critical acclaim.
adj. deserving of attention, interest, or acclaim; significant or remarkable
7. The _____ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.
adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

ANSWERS: 1. aberration, 2. hatchlings, 3. parasitism, 4. impostor, 5. shoved, 6. noteworthy, 7. parasitic

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10. The _____ of red on the white porcelain vase made it stand out in the antique shop.
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v. to look down on
13. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
14. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.
adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
15. The scientists decided to _____ the eggs for further study.
v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

ANSWERS: 8. memorize, 9. impart, 10. speckle, 11. evoke, 12. disdained, 13. hatch, 14. clueless, 15. incubate

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ANSWERS: 16. puncture, 17. cuckoo, 18. beak, 19. predator's, 20. egregious, 21. parasites, 22. monopolize, 23. catbird's

24. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
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- v. to sing or hum in a soothing, gentle manner; to express oneself in a soft, gentle voice
31. He was _____ many times with scissors.
- v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 24. mimic, 25. instinctively, 26. brooded, 27. benign, 28. nestlings, 29. outcompete, 30. croon, 31. stabbed

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36. He found graffiti left by a previous _____ of the house.
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- v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
38. The singer _____ on the street, but no one is listening.
- v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

ANSWERS: 32. devoted, 33. saunter, 34. reed, 35. eject, 36. occupant, 37. retaliated, 38. warbles