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Session 1: Word List

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

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.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym: agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym : final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym : abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

involvement

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

synonym: participation, engagement, commitment

(1) political **involvement**, (2) **involvement** in criminal activity

The **involvement** of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**
She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples
The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

reciprocal

adj. given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable

synonym: mutual, complementary, supplemental

(1) have a **reciprocal** respect, (2) **reciprocal** actions
Their relationship was based on **reciprocal** love and respect for each other.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**
He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

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.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

countdown

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

synonym: timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases | <i>n.</i> the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc. |
| 2. major paradigm sh__t | <i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend |
| 3. ne_____te a settlement | <i>v.</i> to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement |
| 4. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 5. de_____ve action | <i>adj.</i> making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue |
| 6. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 7. fr__k and open discussion | <i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression |
| 8. act as a dec_____ker | <i>n.</i> a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization |
| 9. make a fr__k apology | <i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression |
| 10. D_n Giovanni | <i>n.</i> a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge |
| 11. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |

ANSWERS: 1. emission, 2. shift, 3. negotiate, 4. posit, 5. decisive, 6. government, 7. frank, 8. decision-maker, 9. frank, 10. Don, 11. institutionalize

12. cultural pa____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
13. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
14. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
15. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
16. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
17. a de_____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
18. rec_____al actions *adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable
19. co__t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
20. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
21. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 12. paradigm, 13. panel, 14. commitment, 15. posit, 16. climate, 17. decisive, 18. reciprocal, 19. commit, 20. crisis, 21. philosophy

22. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
23. use an ac____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
24. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
25. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
27. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
28. have a rec_____al respect *adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable
29. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
30. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
31. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 22. shift, 23. acronym, 24. nation, 25. opportune, 26. commit, 27. confer, 28. reciprocal, 29. planet, 30. decision, 31. negotiate

32. the em____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
33. major pa____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
34. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
35. in____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
36. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
37. a man of imp____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
38. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
39. in____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
40. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
41. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 32. emission, 33. paradigm, 34. pray, 35. indicate, 36. critic, 37. importance, 38. rev, 39. indicate, 40. planet, 41. nation

42. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
43. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
44. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
45. political inv_____nt *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
46. inv_____nt in criminal activity *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
47. tr___y negotiation *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
48. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
49. global climate tr___y *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
50. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
51. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 42. decision-maker, 43. communicate, 44. institutionalize, 45. involvement, 46. involvement, 47. treaty, 48. acronym, 49. treaty, 50. climate, 51. crisis

52. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
53. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
54. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
55. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
56. co_____wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
57. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
58. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
59. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
60. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 52. decision, 53. government, 54. panel, 55. unique, 56. countdown, 57. indigenous, 58. urgency, 59. philosophy, 60. unique

61. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
62. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
63. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
64. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
65. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
66. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
67. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
68. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
69. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
70. wedding co_____wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
71. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 61. importance, 62. indigenous, 63. commitment, 64. opportune, 65. achieve, 66. unfortunately, 67. urgency, 68. communicate, 69. gore, 70. countdown, 71. pray

72. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
73. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
74. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
75. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
76. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
77. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
78. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 72. critic, 73. achieve, 74. unfortunately, 75. Don, 76. rev, 77. gore, 78. confer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
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v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
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ANSWERS: 1. frank, 2. negotiate, 3. Climate, 4. involvement, 5. critics, 6. reciprocal, 7. indigenous, 8. crisis

9. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
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ANSWERS: 24. achieve, 25. institutionalize, 26. planet, 27. emissions, 28. acronym, 29. rev, 30. urgency, 31. unfortunately,

32. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

33. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

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