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Session 1: Word List

almond

n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

synonym : nut, kernel, seed

(1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym : stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym : rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

eyelash

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

synonym: lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

- lurk** v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
synonym: hide, creep, stalk
(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness
In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.
- stumble** v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep
(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life
She **stumbled** over the tree root.
- dedicate** v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
synonym: consecrate, devote, commit
(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject
He **dedicated** his life to helping others.
- epicenter** n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
synonym: ground zero, focus, center
(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude
The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
- lifeline** n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
synonym: savior, support, safety net
(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**
My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.
- laundromat** n. a self-service laundry facility where customers can wash and dry their clothes using coin-operated machines

synonym : laundry, washeteria, washhouse

(1) **laundromat** business, (2) local **laundromat**

I prefer the **laundromat** over doing laundry at home because I can people-watch while I wait for my clothes to dry

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**.

swank

v. to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way

synonym : show off, strut, flaunt

(1) **swank** about his success, (2) **swank** restaurant

I will **swank** up this outfit with some fancy accessories for the party tonight.

bootmaker

n. a person who designs, makes, or repairs boots, typically using leather or other durable materials

synonym : shoemaker

(1) **bootmaker** shop, (2) traditional **bootmaker**

The local **bootmaker** created a unique design for my Western-style boots.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym : handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened

before I can ride it safely.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
synonym : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

jumpsuit

n. a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
synonym : overalls, flight suit, coveralls

(1) **jumpsuit** fashion, (2) a black **jumpsuit**

I wore a comfortable **jumpsuit** for the long flight.

lefty

n. a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

synonym : left-handed person, southpaw

(1) **lefty** guitarist, (2) **lefty** batter

The **lefty** pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.

cougar

n. a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men

synonym : puma, catamount, panther

(1) **cougar** lift, (2) the **cougar's** ex-husband

We saw a large **cougar** as we hiked through the mountains.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

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**.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

hokey

adj. overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky

synonym: corny, cheesy, cliched

(1) **hokey** movie, (2) **hokey** joke

The movie's plot seemed **hokey** and predictable to me.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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

2. the co___r's ex-husband *n.* a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men

3. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

4. al___d butter *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

5. big mu___he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

6. sw__k restaurant *v.* to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. cougar, 3. rewire, 4. almond, 5. mustache, 6. swank

7. ju____it fashion *n.* a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
8. li____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
9. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
10. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
11. 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
12. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
13. le__y batter *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
14. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
15. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 7. jumpsuit, 8. lifeline, 9. pandemic, 10. catastrophe, 11. rev, 12. handlebar, 13. lefty, 14. overlook, 15. doe

16. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
17. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
18. ho__y movie *adj.* overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky
19. local lau_____at *n.* a self-service laundry facility where customers can wash and dry their clothes using coin-operated machines
20. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
21. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
22. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
23. traditional bo_____er *n.* a person who designs, makes, or repairs boots, typically using leather or other durable materials
24. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
25. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

ANSWERS: 16. tuck, 17. epicenter, 18. hokey, 19. laundromat, 20. stumble, 21. envelop, 22. dedicate, 23. bootmaker, 24. smartphone, 25. lurk

26. a gray mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
27. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
28. co____r lift *n.* a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men
29. write in sh____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
30. re____e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
31. bo____er shop *n.* a person who designs, makes, or repairs boots, typically using leather or other durable materials
32. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
33. grip ha____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

ANSWERS: 26. mustache, 27. doe, 28. cougar, 29. shorthand, 30. rewire, 31. bootmaker, 32. lurk, 33. handlebar

34. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
35. not bat an ey____h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
36. le__y guitarist *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
37. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
38. lau_____at business *n.* a self-service laundry facility where customers can wash and dry their clothes using coin-operated machines
39. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
40. a black ju_____it *n.* a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
41. sw__k about his success *v.* to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way
42. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 34. overlook, 35. eyelash, 36. lefty, 37. epicenter, 38. laundromat, 39. smartphone, 40. jumpsuit, 41. swank, 42. murmur

43. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
44. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
45. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
46. al____d milk *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
47. ho__y joke *adj.* overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky
48. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
49. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
50. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 43. envelop, 44. catastrophe, 45. pandemic, 46. almond, 47. hokey, 48. lifeline, 49. shorthand, 50. dedicate

51. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
52. ey_____h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
53. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
54. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 51. murmur, 52. eyelash, 53. tuck, 54. stumble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
 - v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

2. I love snacking on _____ for a healthy and delicious snack.
 - n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

3. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
 - v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

4. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.
 - n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

5. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
 - n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

6. He _____ his life to helping others.
 - v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

7. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - 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

ANSWERS: 1. overlook, 2. almonds, 3. enveloped, 4. handlebar, 5. epicenter, 6. dedicated, 7. rev

8. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.
- v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
9. The _____ pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.
- n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
10. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
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11. An _____ curler is a girl's best friend.
- n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
12. The local _____ created a unique design for my Western-style boots.
- n.* a person who designs, makes, or repairs boots, typically using leather or other durable materials
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ANSWERS: 8. murmurs, 9. lefty, 10. shorthand, 11. eyelash, 12. bootmaker, 13. pandemic, 14. swank

15. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
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- n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
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- n.* a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men
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- n.* a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
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- n.* a self-service laundry facility where customers can wash and dry their clothes using coin-operated machines
22. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 15. smartphones, 16. mustache, 17. catastrophe, 18. cougar, 19. jumpsuit, 20. lifeline, 21. laundromat, 22. stumbled

23. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.

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- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

25. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.

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- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 23. lurks, 24. tuck, 25. doe, 26. hokey, 27. rewire