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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

overstressed

adj. experiencing a level of stress or anxiety that exceeds one's capacity to cope; feeling overwhelmed or mentally strained

synonym : overworked, stressed out, overwhelmed

(1) **overstressed** employee, (2) **overstressed** muscles
I'm feeling **overstressed** and need to take a break to relax.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**
She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym : metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting
When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

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.

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.

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**.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

synonym : abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym : classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

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**.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

Session 2: Spelling

1. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

2. 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

3. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

4. ove_____sed muscles *adj.* experiencing a level of stress or anxiety that exceeds one's capacity to cope; feeling overwhelmed or mentally strained

5. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

6. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

7. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. binge, 2. rev, 3. overlook, 4. overstressed, 5. binge, 6. obsession, 7. obsession, 8. rev

9. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
10. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
11. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
12. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
13. 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
14. emotional pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
15. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
16. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
17. financial pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
18. inq_____ve mind *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

ANSWERS: 9. obsess, 10. devote, 11. smartphone, 12. categorize, 13. dedicate, 14. payoff, 15. categorize, 16. figurative, 17. payoff, 18. inquisitive

19. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
20. do im_____ve buying *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
21. ove_____sed employee *adj.* experiencing a level of stress or anxiety that exceeds one's capacity to cope; feeling overwhelmed or mentally strained
22. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
23. an im_____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
24. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
25. 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
26. inq_____ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
27. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
28. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 19. figurative, 20. impulsive, 21. overstressed, 22. smartphone, 23. impulsive, 24. overlook, 25. dedicate, 26. inquisitive, 27. obsess, 28. devote

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
2. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
3. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
4. 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
5. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
6. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
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ANSWERS: 1. obsessed, 2. payoff, 3. overlook, 4. dedicated, 5. devoted, 6. obsession, 7. figurative

8. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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9. The _____ child asked endless questions about the world around her.
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10. I'm feeling _____ and need to take a break to relax.
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14. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.
- n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

ANSWERS: 8. smartphones, 9. inquisitive, 10. overstressed, 11. impulsive, 12. categorized, 13. rev, 14. binge-watching