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Session 1: Word List

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym: religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

gaggle

n. a group or flock of wild geese; a gathering of people, particularly when noisy or in disarray

synonym: flock, group, crowd

(1) **gaggle** of tourists, (2) **gaggle** of ducks

A **gaggle** of geese took off from the pond and flew overhead.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym: titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

recant

v. to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one

synonym: retract, withdraw, disavow

(1) **recant** my words, (2) **recant** his Christian faith

He **recanted** his previous statement after realizing the

evidence was against him.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

jackpot

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

synonym: prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

tantamount

adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else

synonym: equivalent, equal, identical

(1) **tantamount** to impossible, (2) **tantamount** to treason

His behavior is **tantamount** to bullying and will not be tolerated.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail
He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life
He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch
My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
synonym: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole
The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

cosmetology

n. the study and practice of improving or enhancing the appearance of the skin, hair, and nails, often through the use of cosmetics, beauty treatments, or skincare products
synonym: beautician, beauty culture, hairdressing

(1) **cosmetology** school, (2) **cosmetology** products

The **cosmetology** industry has evolved with new technology and trends in beauty.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. win a ja_____t
n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
2. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. lottery ja_____t
n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
4. inc_____te the murderer
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
5. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
6. co_____t in a jail
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
7. tan_____nt to treason
adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
8. Catholic upb_____ng
n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
9. sc_____re study
n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

ANSWERS: 1. jackpot, 2. opportune, 3. jackpot, 4. incarcerate, 5. grandchild, 6. convict, 7. tantamount, 8. upbringing, 9. scripture

10. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
11. ti_____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
12. ti_____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
13. gi_____e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
14. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
15. ga_____e of tourists *n.* a group or flock of wild geese; a gathering of people, particularly when noisy or in disarray
16. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
17. police se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
18. ga_____e of ducks *n.* a group or flock of wild geese; a gathering of people, particularly when noisy or in disarray
19. army se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

ANSWERS: 10. disapprove, 11. titanic, 12. titanic, 13. giggle, 14. grandparent, 15. gaggle, 16. headlight, 17. sergeant, 18. gaggle, 19. sergeant

20. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
21. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
22. tan_____nt to impossible *adj.* equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
23. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
24. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
25. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
27. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
28. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
29. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
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ANSWERS: 20. paralyze, 21. grandparent, 22. tantamount, 23. upbringing, 24. immerse, 25. confuse, 26. disapprove, 27. headlight, 28. applause, 29. incarcerate, 30. paralyze

31. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
34. ba____r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
35. gi____e like a child *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
36. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
37. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
38. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
39. cos_____gy products *n.* the study and practice of improving or enhancing the appearance of the skin, hair, and nails, often through the use of cosmetics, beauty treatments, or skincare products

ANSWERS: 31. opportune, 32. confuse, 33. sniff, 34. barber, 35. giggle, 36. immerse, 37. applause, 38. sniff, 39. cosmetology

40. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
41. favorite ba____r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
42. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
43. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
44. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
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46. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
47. re____t his Christian faith *v.* to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one
48. re____t my words *v.* to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one

ANSWERS: 40. medicinal, 41. barber, 42. grandchild, 43. medicinal, 44. convict, 45. cosmetology, 46. scripture, 47. recant, 48. recant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.
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