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Session 1: Word List

- coo**
- n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
- synonym* : murmur, cooing, whisper
- (1) baby **coo**, (2) the **COO** of the company
- The baby let out a gentle **coo** as she was rocked to sleep.
- peek-a-boo**
- n.* a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed
- synonym* : hide-and-seek, game, child's play
- (1) **peek-a-boo** game, (2) **peek-a-boo** shows
- My baby loves playing **peek-a-boo** with me.
- experiment**
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
- synonym* : experimentation, investigation
- (1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

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**.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym: inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym: sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

synonym: imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

- (1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,
(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

- (1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

- (1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

- (1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym : enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gi___e like a child *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
2. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
3. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
4. gi___e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
5. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
6. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
7. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
8. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
9. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
10. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
11. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
12. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

ANSWERS: 1. giggle, 2. rough, 3. confidence, 4. giggle, 5. imaginary, 6. confusion, 7. experiment, 8. explore, 9. react, 10. laughter, 11. brain, 12. lifelong

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| 13. aircraft wr___t | <i>n.</i> a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal |
| 14. en___e a new employee | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 15. ro__h and tough | <i>adj.</i> not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface |
| 16. re____r a loss | <i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 17. c__m sea | <i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves |
| 18. li____ng commitment | <i>adj.</i> lasting for the whole of someone's life |
| 19. exp____nt design | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 20. str____en the immune system | <i>v.</i> to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective |
| 21. re____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 22. int____on among human beings | <i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them |
| 23. ne___l networks in AI | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain |
| 24. electronic de___e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |

ANSWERS: 13. wright, 14. engage, 15. rough, 16. recover, 17. calm, 18. lifelong, 19. experiment, 20. strengthen, 21. relation, 22. interaction, 23. neural, 24. device

25. co____t behavior *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
26. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
27. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
28. voc____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
29. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
30. str____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
31. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
32. ha____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
33. co____t website *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

ANSWERS: 25. copycat, 26. device, 27. empathy, 28. vocabulary, 29. volume, 30. strengthen, 31. communal, 32. hardwired, 33. copycat

34. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
35. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
36. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
38. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
39. vo_____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
40. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
41. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
42. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
43. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
44. pee_____oo shows *n.* a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed

ANSWERS: 34. interaction, 35. calm, 36. communal, 37. brain, 38. vocabulary, 39.

volume, 40. react, 41. develop, 42. relation, 43. confusion, 44. peek-a-boo

45. la____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
46. the C_O of the company *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. baby c_o *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
49. ne___l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
50. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
51. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 45. laughter, 46. coo, 47. opportune, 48. coo, 49. neural, 50. engage, 51. wright

52. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
53. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
54. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
55. ha_____ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
56. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
57. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
58. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
59. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
60. pee_____oo game *n.* a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed

ANSWERS: 52. confidence, 53. empathy, 54. recover, 55. hardwired, 56. opportune, 57. imaginary, 58. explore, 59. develop, 60. peek-a-boo

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
 - v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

2. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
 - v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

3. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
 - n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

4. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
 - n. the act or sound of laughing

5. My baby loves playing _____ with me.
 - n. a game played with young children in which the player covers their face then uncovers it quickly while saying "peek-a-boo!" as a surprise for the child; a situation where something is briefly hidden from view and then suddenly revealed

6. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
 - n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

7. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
 - n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. strengthen, 2. engaged, 3. volume, 4. laughter, 5. peek-a-boo, 6. interaction, 7. Empathy

8. The instinct to protect one's offspring is _____ into many animal species.
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14. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
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ANSWERS: 8. hardwired, 9. giggle, 10. copycat, 11. confidence, 12. develop, 13. Communal, 14. imaginary

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v. to take action in response to something

16. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

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18. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

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19. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

20. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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22. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

23. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 15. react, 16. opportune, 17. explore, 18. recovering, 19. calm, 20. brain, 21. device, 22. relations, 23. experiments

24. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

25. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

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29. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.

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adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

ANSWERS: 24. rough, 25. wright, 26. confusion, 27. neural, 28. coo, 29. vocabulary, 30. lifelong