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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

beau

n. a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women

synonym: suitor, admirer, boyfriend

(1) charming **beau**, (2) online **beau**

She met her handsome **beau** at a coffee shop in the city.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

coition

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

synonym: intercourse, mating, copulation

(1) **coition** frequency, (2) interrupted **coition**

The topic of **coition** was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

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.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

ideate

v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

synonym :

conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym: differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

asymmetrical

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

synonym: uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut

The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

prosocial

adj. characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward

synonym : altruistic, benevolent, cooperative

(1) **prosocial** motives, (2) **prosocial** intervention

Volunteering at a soup kitchen is a **prosocial** act of kindness.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate

His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

cowardice

n. the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty

synonym : fearfulness, dastardliness, timidity

(1) **cowardice** in battle, (2) politics of **cowardice**

People who show **cowardice** in the face of danger are not always weak but may lack experience.

omnipresent

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

synonym : ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

toleration

n. the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

synonym : forbearance, patience, endurance

(1) **toleration** policy, (2) religious **toleration**

The school's policy on religious **toleration** meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. asy_____cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
2. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
4. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
5. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
6. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
7. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
8. pr_____al motives *adj.* characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward
9. online b__u *n.* a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women

ANSWERS: 1. asymmetrical, 2. opportune, 3. redefine, 4. redefine, 5. humility, 6. meaningless, 7. predator, 8. prosocial, 9. beau

10. interrupted co_____n *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
11. co_____ce in battle *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty
12. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
13. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
14. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. natural gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
16. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
17. tol_____on policy *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
18. politics of co_____ce *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty

ANSWERS: 10. coition, 11. cowardice, 12. propensity, 13. correlate, 14. excite, 15. grandeur, 16. divergent, 17. toleration, 18. cowardice

19. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
20. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
21. pre_____al region *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
22. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
23. co_____n frequency *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
24. charming b__u *n.* a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women
25. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. pr_____al intervention *adj.* characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward
28. omn_____nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

ANSWERS: 19. correlate, 20. daydreaming, 21. prefrontal, 22. divergent, 23. coition, 24. beau, 25. confer, 26. opportune, 27. prosocial, 28. omnipresent

29. id___e solutions *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
30. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
31. asy_____cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
32. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
33. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
34. pro_____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
35. omn_____nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
36. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
37. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
38. pre_____al bone *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
39. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
40. ab___t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected

ANSWERS: 29. ideate, 30. humility, 31. asymmetrical, 32. meaningless, 33. deteriorate, 34. propensity, 35. omnipresent, 36. deteriorate, 37. abrupt, 38. prefrontal, 39. confer, 40. abrupt

41. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
42. religious tol_____on *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
43. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
44. lost in gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
45. id____e process *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
46. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 41. daydreaming, 42. toleration, 43. predator, 44. grandeur, 45. ideate, 46. excite

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The internet has made information access _____.
adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

2. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

4. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
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5. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

6. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

7. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 1. omnipresent, 2. confer, 3. opportune, 4. grandeur, 5. predator's, 6. humility, 7. redefined

8. The topic of _____ was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.
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13. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.
n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
14. The team met to _____ new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.
v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
15. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 8. coition, 9. prosocial, 10. meaningless, 11. asymmetrical, 12. correlate, 13. propensity, 14. ideate, 15. excited

16. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
- v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
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- n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
18. She met her handsome _____ at a coffee shop in the city.
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19. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
- adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
20. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
- adj.* sudden and unexpected
21. Research shows that damage to the _____ cortex leads to increased aggression.
- adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
22. I often waste a lot of time _____.
- n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
23. People who show _____ in the face of danger are not always weak but may lack experience.
- n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty

ANSWERS: 16. deteriorated, 17. toleration, 18. beau, 19. divergent, 20. abrupt, 21. prefrontal, 22. daydreaming, 23. cowardice

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