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Session 1: Word List

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**
The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

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.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

menopause

n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

synonym: climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**

The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym: shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

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.

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.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

ferment

v. to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases;
(noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements

synonym: ripen, simmer, (noun) agitation

(1) **ferment** sugar into ethanol, (2) political **ferment**

The dough was left to **ferment** overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym : women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

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.

neckline

n. the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress

synonym : collarbone, neckband

(1) low **neckline**, (2) strapless **neckline**

The elegant dress featured a plunging **neckline** that accentuated the wearer's collarbone.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

agitate

v. to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it

synonym: disturb, unsettle, ruffle

(1) **agitate** a mixture, (2) **agitate** for independence

The loud noise from the construction site next door continued to **agitate** the residents of the apartment building.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

aerobic

adj. relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling

synonym: cardiovascular, aerophilous, heart-healthy

(1) **aerobic** bacteria, (2) **aerobic** respiration

Aerobic exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or

role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

Session 2: Spelling

1. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
3. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
4. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
5. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
6. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
7. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
8. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
9. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
10. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. newfound, 3. segregate, 4. feminism, 5. defy, 6. caregiving, 7. scarcity, 8. grandchild, 9. feminism, 10. impatience

11. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
12. ag_____e for independence *v.* to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it
13. a re_____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
14. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
15. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
16. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
17. 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
18. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
19. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
20. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
21. 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

ANSWERS: 11. congressperson, 12. agitate, 13. retiring, 14. fearless, 15. scarcity, 16. dismantle, 17. rewire, 18. defy, 19. brilliantly, 20. grandchild, 21. rewire

22. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
23. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
24. before me____se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
25. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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27. low ne____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
28. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
29. car____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
30. lucrative si____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 22. empower, 23. diminish, 24. menopause, 25. opportune, 26. menopause, 27. neckline, 28. torch, 29. caregiving, 30. sideline

31. ap____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
32. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
33. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
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36. ae____c bacteria *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
37. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. a ne____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
39. ae____c respiration *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
40. strapless ne____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress

ANSWERS: 31. applaud, 32. elevate, 33. elevate, 34. applaud, 35. impatience, 36. aerobic, 37. opportune, 38. newfound, 39. aerobic, 40. neckline

49. near re____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
50. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
51. se____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
52. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
53. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
54. political fe____t *v.* to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements

ANSWERS: 49. retiring, 50. diminish, 51. segregate, 52. fearless, 53. torch, 54. ferment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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