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Session 1: Word List

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.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym : courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym : incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

recessive

adj. of or relating to the state of the economy declines; (of a gene) controlling a characteristic that is expressed only when a dominant allele is not present

synonym: latent, dormant, hidden

(1) **recessive** allele, (2) **recessive** mutant

The **recessive** gene for blue eyes is only expressed when both parents carry the gene.

hereditary

adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance

synonym: inherited, transmitted, genetic

(1) a **hereditary** disease, (2) **hereditary** property

A **hereditary** condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

myopathy

n. a disease or disorder that affects the muscles, typically causing weakness, pain, or degeneration of muscle tissue

synonym: myositis, muscular disorder

(1) **myopathy** diagnosis, (2) congenital **myopathy**

Regular exercise can help manage symptoms of **myopathy** and improve muscle function.

quadriplegia

n. paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region

(1) **quadriplegia** patients, (2) **quadriplegia** care

After the accident, he had **quadriplegia** and could not move his arms or legs.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym: discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

preposterous

adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

synonym: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally

overheard their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym : support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

mustang

n. a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

(1) a group of **mustangs**, (2) saddle up his trusty **mustang**

The wild **mustang** galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym : large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym : throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

dismount

v. to get off or down from a horse, bicycle, or other transportation devices; to physically descend from a height or perch

synonym : get off, alight, disembark

(1) **dismount** a ladder, (2) **dismount** the bike

She stumbled as she tried to **dismount** from her horse.

protruding

adj. sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit

synonym : jutting, sticking out, protrusion

(1) **protruding** object, (2) **protruding** tongue

The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from **protruding** beams or wires.

swelling

n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

synonym : bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body

After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

capsize

v. to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

synonym : overturn, overturning, tipping

(1) **capsize** a boat, (2) **capsize** in the middle of the storm

The strong wind caused the kayak to **capsize**, throwing the paddler into the water.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

slick

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

synonym : smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

bedrock

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

synonym : foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

accolade

n. an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

synonym : tribute, honor, award

(1) **accolade** ceremony, (2) professional **accolade**

The actor received an **accolade** for his outstanding performance in the play.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym : easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym : thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

blase

adj. indifferent to or unimpressed by something that may be seen as exciting, interesting, or significant; jaded or worldly-wise

synonym : bored, indifferent, apathetic

(1) **blase** attitude, (2) **blase** response

The celebrity was **blase** about attending yet another red carpet event.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
2. ou____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
3. re_____ve mutant *adj.* of or relating to the state of the economy declines; (of a gene) controlling a characteristic that is expressed only when a dominant allele is not present
4. bl__e response *adj.* indifferent to or unimpressed by something that may be seen as exciting, interesting, or significant; jaded or worldly-wise
5. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
6. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
7. ca____e in the middle of the storm *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

ANSWERS: 1. smack, 2. outweigh, 3. recessive, 4. blase, 5. brace, 6. brace, 7. capsize

8. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
9. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
10. ho_____ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
11. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
12. sl__k design *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
13. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
14. bl__e attitude *adj.* indifferent to or unimpressed by something that may be seen as exciting, interesting, or significant; jaded or worldly-wise
15. congenital my_____hy *n.* a disease or disorder that affects the muscles, typically causing weakness, pain, or degeneration of muscle tissue
16. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
17. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
18. ca_____e a boat *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

ANSWERS: 8. embark, 9. steer, 10. horseback, 11. overhear, 12. slick, 13. raft, 14. blase, 15. myopathy, 16. inexplicable, 17. bedrock, 18. capsized

19. hard sw_____ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
20. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
21. dis_____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
22. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
23. ov_____ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
24. pre_____ous claim *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
25. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
26. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
27. sw_____ng of the ankle *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
28. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
29. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
30. ac_____de ceremony *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

ANSWERS: 19. swelling, 20. astronaut, 21. dishearten, 22. fearless, 23. oversize, 24. preposterous, 25. raft, 26. spoil, 27. swelling, 28. bravery, 29. courageous, 30. accolade

31. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
32. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
33. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
34. di_____nt a ladder *v.* to get off or down from a horse, bicycle, or other transportation devices; to physically descend from a height or perch
35. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
36. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
37. eff_____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
38. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
39. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
40. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
41. re_____ve allele *adj.* of or relating to the state of the economy declines; (of a gene) controlling a characteristic that is expressed only when a dominant allele is not present

ANSWERS: 31. frightening, 32. canyon, 33. courageous, 34. dismount, 35. exhilarating, 36. quitter, 37. effortless, 38. outweigh, 39. spoil, 40. smack, 41. recessive

42. ov____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
43. be____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
44. br____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
45. em____k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
46. exh____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
47. pro____ng object *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
48. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
49. qua____gia patients *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
50. di____nt the bike *v.* to get off or down from a horse, bicycle, or other transportation devices; to physically descend from a height or perch
51. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
52. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
53. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

ANSWERS: 42. oversize, 43. bedrock, 44. bravery, 45. embark, 46. exhilarating, 47. protruding, 48. choke, 49. quadriplegia, 50. dismount, 51. fling, 52. fling, 53. outdo

54. happen to ov_____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
55. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
56. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
57. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
58. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
59. pro_____ng tongue *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
60. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
61. pre_____ous price *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
62. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
63. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
64. ine_____ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

ANSWERS: 54. overhear, 55. quitter, 56. dishearten, 57. outdo, 58. glamorous, 59. protruding, 60. canyon, 61. preposterous, 62. intern, 63. steer, 64. inexplicable

65. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
66. saddle up his trusty mu____g *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
67. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
68. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
69. qua_____gia care *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
70. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
71. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
72. a sl__k operation *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
73. a group of mu____gs *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
74. professional ac____de *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

ANSWERS: 65. polio, 66. mustang, 67. frightening, 68. astronaut, 69. quadriplegia, 70. fearless, 71. choke, 72. slick, 73. mustang, 74. accolade

75. a her_____ry disease *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
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78. eff_____ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
79. my_____hy diagnosis *n.* a disease or disorder that affects the muscles, typically causing weakness, pain, or degeneration of muscle tissue
80. her_____ry property *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
81. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
82. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 75. hereditary, 76. glamorous, 77. polio, 78. effortless, 79. myopathy, 80. hereditary, 81. horseback, 82. intern

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The strong wind caused the kayak to _____ throwing the paddler into the water.
 - v. to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

2. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
 - adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

3. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.
 - v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

4. The wild _____ galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.
 - n. a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

5. A _____ condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.
 - adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance

6. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
 - n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

7. The actor received an _____ for his outstanding performance in the play.
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ANSWERS: 1. capsizes, 2. courageous, 3. chokes, 4. mustang, 5. hereditary, 6. astronaut, 7. accolade

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adj. having no fear; brave
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ANSWERS: 16. glamorous, 17. steer, 18. slick, 19. swelling, 20. frightening, 21. spoil, 22. fearless, 23. quadriplegia

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27. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

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adj. larger than the normal or standard size

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v. to do better than someone; to surpass
41. The celebrity was _____ about attending yet another red carpet event.
adj. indifferent to or unimpressed by something that may be seen as exciting, interesting, or significant; jaded or worldly-wise

ANSWERS: 39. outweigh, 40. outdo, 41. blase