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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.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym : strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym : migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes

He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

acculturation

n. the process of cultural change that occurs when individuals or groups come into contact with a different culture and adopt some of its values, behaviors, and customs; a receptacle or container for holding water used in religious ceremonies, particularly in Christianity

synonym : assimilation, adaptation, integration

(1) cultural **acculturation**, (2) psychological **acculturation**

The **acculturation** process varies depending on the individual's background and circumstances.

mediator

n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

synonym : conciliator, arbitrator, interceder

(1) legal **mediator**, (2) **mediator** between two sides

The **mediator's** primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

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.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

synonym: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

detach

v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

synonym: separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex___e rebellion v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. legal me____or n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
3. lo____ly prepared adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
4. im_____te to the country v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country
5. mis_____and entirely about her v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
6. the wel_____ng of a nation n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
7. cultural acc_____ion n. the process of cultural change that occurs when individuals or groups come into contact with a different culture and adopt some of its values, behaviors, and customs; a receptacle or container for holding water used in religious ceremonies, particularly in Christianity
8. im_____te through available legal processes v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country
9. st_____le a motorcycle v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. mediator, 3. lovingly, 4. immigrate, 5. misunderstand, 6. well-being, 7. acculturation, 8. immigrate, 9. straddle

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| 10. de___h you from the matter | v. | to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage |
| 11. mis_____and each other | v. | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 12. growing di_____st | n. | a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something |
| 13. an op_____ne remark | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 14. gr___e at the sad news | v. | to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died |
| 15. un_____hy diet | adj. | not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being |
| 16. st_____le a fence | v. | to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 17. ex___e the crowd | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 18. the role of ca_____er | n. | a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away |
| 19. me_____or between two sides | n. | a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties |

ANSWERS: 10. detach, 11. misunderstand, 12. distrust, 13. opportune, 14. grieve, 15. unhealthy, 16. straddle, 17. excite, 18. caretaker, 19. mediator

20. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
21. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
22. psychological acc_____ion *n.* the process of cultural change that occurs when individuals or groups come into contact with a different culture and adopt some of its values, behaviors, and customs; a receptacle or container for holding water used in religious ceremonies, particularly in Christianity
23. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
26. 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
27. de___h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
28. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
29. lo_____ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

ANSWERS: 20. sibling, 21. grieve, 22. acculturation, 23. distrust, 24. opportune, 25. well-being, 26. intern, 27. detach, 28. sibling, 29. lovingly

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31. un_____hy habit

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

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n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

ANSWERS: 30. intern, 31. unhealthy, 32. caretaker

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She looked at him _____ and knew he was the one for her.
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2. She _____ the loss of her parents.
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7. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
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ANSWERS: 1. lovingly, 2. grieved, 3. unhealthy, 4. opportune, 5. mediator's, 6. excited, 7. interned

8. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
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ANSWERS: 8. well-being, 9. distrust, 10. immigrated, 11. detached, 12. acculturation, 13. siblings, 14. straddle, 15. caretaker

16. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 16. misunderstand