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Session 1: Word List

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

maze

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym : labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym : hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym : mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

rummage

v. to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly

synonym : search, ransack, dig up

(1) **rummage** about in the room, (2) **rummage** through his mind

The police **rummaged** through his belongings, looking for illegal drugs.

trinket

n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

synonym : bauble, ornament, trifle

(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**

The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**
He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

cyberspace *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym: Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

loom *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

sari *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym: shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

festive *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful

synonym: festal, celebratory, jovial

(1) **festive** clothing, (2) **festive** atmosphere

The city is decorated with **festive** lights and decorations for the holiday season.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

faceless

adj. lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

synonym : anonymous, impersonal, nameless

(1) **faceless** enemy, (2) **faceless** bureaucracy

The artist painted a series of **faceless** portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.

abreast

adv. side by side and facing the same way; keeping up to date with the latest developments or knowledge

synonym : side by side, alongside, parallel

(1) keep **abreast** of advancement, (2) ride **abreast**

Scientists attend conferences and read scientific journals to stay **abreast** of the latest research findings.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

bazaar

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

synonym : market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

yore

n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized

synonym: bygone, yesteryear, past

(1) stories of **yore**, (2) long-gone **yore**

In the days of **yore**, knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.

stray

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym: deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

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.

personalize

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

synonym: customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

Session 2: Spelling

1. per_____ze my workspace
v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
2. d_e rabbit
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
3. stories of y__e
n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
4. genteel eu_____sm
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
5. imp_____al treatment
adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
6. s__i blouse
n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
7. labyrinth m__e
n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

ANSWERS: 1. personalize, 2. doe, 3. yore, 4. euphemism, 5. impersonal, 6. sari, 7. maze

8. puzzle m__e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
9. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
10. fe_____e atmosphere *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful
11. st__y beyond the confines *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
12. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
13. st__y from a rule *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
14. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
15. fe_____e clothing *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a festival or celebration; joyful, lively, and colorful
16. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
17. time-saving ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
18. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
19. long-gone y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized

ANSWERS: 8. maze, 9. rediscover, 10. festive, 11. stray, 12. rediscover, 13. stray, 14. loom, 15. festive, 16. bustle, 17. gadget, 18. salesperson, 19. yore

20. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
21. ru_____e through his mind *v.* to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly
22. bu_____e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
23. cyb_____ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
24. a handy ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
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28. imp_____al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 20. salesperson, 21. rummage, 22. bustle, 23. cyberspace, 24. gadget, 25. rummage, 26. opportune, 27. euphemism, 28. impersonal

29. vintage tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
30. cheap tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
31. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
33. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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35. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
36. a charity ba____r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
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38. ride ab____t *adv.* side by side and facing the same way; keeping up to date with the latest developments or knowledge
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44. per_____ze social media profile *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
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46. fa_____ss bureaucracy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

ANSWERS: 40. intricate, 41. abreast, 42. faceless, 43. sari, 44. personalize, 45. cyberspace, 46. faceless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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