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Session 1: Word List

- nap** *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
synonym : rest, doze, drowse
(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**
She woke the kids up from their **nap**.
- fiend** *n.* an evil or wicked person or supernatural being; someone who is excessively devoted or addicted to something
synonym : monster, demon, devil
(1) **fiend** for chocolate, (2) fitness **fiend**
The **fiend** in the horror movie gave me nightmares for weeks.
- worldview** *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint
(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization
The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.
- perseverance** *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
synonym : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**
Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

persevere

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

synonym: persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals
Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth
He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

unbridgeable

adj. unable to be crossed or bridged; impossible to reconcile or overcome

synonym: impassable, insurmountable

(1) **unbridgeable** gap, (2) **unbridgeable** differences
The cultural divide between the two communities was **unbridgeable** and led to constant conflict.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**
The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

headlong

adv. with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

synonym: recklessly, impulsively, precipitously

(1) continue **headlong** into a risky business, (2) fall **headlong**

He stumbled **headlong** down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

pun *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym: joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

graze *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
synonym: nibble, feed, scrape
(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder
The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

instinctively *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
synonym: inherently, intuitively, naturally
(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children
Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

foe *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent
(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**
The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

nugget *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
synonym: chunk, clod, clump
(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

boggy

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

synonym: swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

practicality

n. the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones

synonym: usefulness, functionality, pragmatism

(1) the **practicality** of the solution, (2) lack of **practicality**

The company chose a more expensive option to prioritize **practicality** over aesthetics.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

cacophony

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

synonym: discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**

The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sound very te_____ng | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |
| 2. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world |
| 3. take a n_p | <i>n.</i> a short sleep, especially during the day |
| 4. the pra_____ity of the solution | <i>n.</i> the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones |
| 5. bo__y area | <i>adj.</i> containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged |
| 6. nu___t of truth | <i>n.</i> a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food |
| 7. dogged per_____nce | <i>n.</i> steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success |
| 8. daytime n_p | <i>n.</i> a short sleep, especially during the day |
| 9. ina_____tly deleted | <i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent |
| 10. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |

ANSWERS: 1. tempting, 2. worldview, 3. nap, 4. practicality, 5. boggy, 6. nugget, 7. perseverance, 8. nap, 9. inadvertently, 10. pun

11. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
12. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
13. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. pe_____re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
15. pe_____re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
16. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
17. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
18. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
19. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
20. fitness fi__d *n.* an evil or wicked person or supernatural being; someone who is excessively devoted or addicted to something

ANSWERS: 11. tempting, 12. inhabit, 13. opportune, 14. persevere, 15. persevere, 16. worldview, 17. graze, 18. foe, 19. inhabit, 20. fiend

21. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
22. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
23. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
24. ins_____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
25. fall he_____ng *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. unb_____ble gap *adj.* unable to be crossed or bridged; impossible to reconcile or overcome
28. lack of pra_____ity *n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones
29. unb_____ble differences *adj.* unable to be crossed or bridged; impossible to reconcile or overcome
30. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
31. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

ANSWERS: 21. foe, 22. pun, 23. hostility, 24. instinctively, 25. headlong, 26. opportune, 27. unbridgeable, 28. practicality, 29. unbridgeable, 30. adversary, 31. adversary

32. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
33. emotional ca_____ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
34. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
35. ca_____ny of sound *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
36. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
37. bo__y land *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
38. a gold nu___t *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
39. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
40. continue he_____ng into a risky business *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
41. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
42. fi__d for chocolate *n.* an evil or wicked person or supernatural being; someone who is excessively devoted or addicted to something

ANSWERS: 32. uncover, 33. cacophony, 34. perseverance, 35. cacophony, 36. uncover, 37. boggy, 38. nugget, 39. hostility, 40. headlong, 41. inadvertently, 42. fiend

43. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
44. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
45. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
46. presidential el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 43. elector, 44. instinctively, 45. graze, 46. elector

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

2. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
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8. She woke the kids up from their ____.
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9. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.
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10. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
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15. The cultural divide between the two communities was _____ and led to constant conflict.
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ANSWERS: 8. nap, 9. perseverance, 10. elector, 11. boggy, 12. instinctively, 13. fiend, 14. practicality, 15. unbridgeable

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ANSWERS: 16. cacophony, 17. uncovered, 18. inhabit, 19. nugget, 20. worldviews, 21. opportune, 22. hostility, 23. tempting

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