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Session 1: Word List

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

autograph

n. a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual

synonym: signature, sign-off, inscription

(1) **autograph** collection, (2) celebrity **autograph**

I was thrilled to get the **autograph** of my favorite musician after the concert.

transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym: copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

malleable

adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

synonym: flexible, adaptable, pliable

(1) **malleable** clay, (2) **malleable** attitude

Gold is a **malleable** metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

misstep

n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym: mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

purposely

adv. with the intention of doing something; deliberately

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, on purpose

(1) **purposely** ignored, (2) **purposely** vague

She **purposely** left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fictionalized aut_____phy | <i>n.</i> a written account of someone's own life, written by that person |
| 2. navigating mi_____ps | <i>n.</i> a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement |
| 3. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 4. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 5. tra_____be notes | <i>v.</i> to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text |
| 6. fl____t Chinese | <i>adj.</i> able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily |
| 7. pu_____ly vague | <i>adv.</i> with the intention of doing something; deliberately |
| 8. en_____on the future | <i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future |
| 9. man_____ion of psychological stress | <i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition |
| 10. recover from a mi_____p | <i>n.</i> a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement |

ANSWERS: 1. autobiography, 2. misstep, 3. well-being, 4. cofounder, 5. transcribe, 6. fluent, 7. purposely, 8. envision, 9. manifestation, 10. misstep

11. ma_____le clay *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
12. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
13. ma_____le attitude *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
14. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
15. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
16. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
17. pu_____ly ignored *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
18. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
19. black pa_____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
20. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 11. malleable, 12. commonplace, 13. malleable, 14. envision, 15. commonplace, 16. courageous, 17. purposely, 18. unpack, 19. panther, 20. fluent

21. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
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23. au_____ph collection *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual
24. aut_____phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
25. tra_____be documents *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
26. celebrity au_____ph *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual
27. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
28. pa_____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
29. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
30. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 21. courageous, 22. unpack, 23. autograph, 24. autobiography, 25. transcribe, 26. autograph, 27. well-being, 28. panther, 29. manifestation, 30. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

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3. She took a _____ on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.
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4. She needs to _____ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.
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5. Gold is a _____ metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.
adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

6. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
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7. She _____ left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.
adv. with the intention of doing something; deliberately

ANSWERS: 1. envision, 2. panther's, 3. misstep, 4. transcribe, 5. malleable, 6. cofounder, 7. purposely

8. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
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15. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
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