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Session 1: Word List

- app** *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
synonym : application, software
(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.
- industrious** *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.
- disturb** *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
synonym : agitate, bother, intrude
(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.
- overlord** *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
synonym : master, tyrant, autocrat

(1) evil **overlord**, (2) colonial **overlord**

In the feudal system, the **overlord** owned most of the wealth.

formulaic

adj. adhering to a prescribed, standard format or structure, often lacking originality or creativity; characterized by the use of standard phrases or clichés

synonym: conventional, predictable

(1) **formulaic** writing, (2) **formulaic** approach

The sitcom relied on **formulaic** jokes and predictable punchlines to get laughs.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

synonym: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

limerick

n. a humorous poem characterized by a fixed form consisting of five lines, the first, second, and fifth of which rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth of which rhyme with each other

synonym : poem, verse, rhyme

(1) **limerick** poetry, (2) silly **limerick**

The comedian told a hilarious **limerick** that had the entire audience laughing.

sensibility

n. mental responsiveness and awareness toward something

synonym : emotion, sense, aesthesia

(1) cultural **sensibility**, (2) design **sensibility**

Everything he writes shows the breadth of his **sensibility**.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

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.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym : colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

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.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym : atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

Session 2: Spelling

1. personality qu__k
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
2. sl__k design
adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
3. flu pa_____ic
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
4. silly li_____ck
n. a humorous poem characterized by a fixed form consisting of five lines, the first, second, and fifth of which rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth of which rhyme with each other
5. killer a_p
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
6. cr__k caller
n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
7. a sl__k operation
adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
8. di_____b the peace
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
9. fo_____ic writing
adj. adhering to a prescribed, standard format or structure, often lacking originality or creativity; characterized by the use of standard phrases or clichés

ANSWERS: 1. quirk, 2. slick, 3. pandemic, 4. limerick, 5. app, 6. crank, 7. slick, 8. disturb, 9. formulaic

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16. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
17. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
18. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
19. colonial ov_____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

ANSWERS: 10. vibe, 11. disturb, 12. glowing, 13. rev, 14. app, 15. crank, 16. craftsman, 17. coworker, 18. craftsman, 19. overlord

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28. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. design sen____ty *n.* mental responsiveness and awareness toward something
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ANSWERS: 20. pandemic, 21. quirk, 22. rev, 23. limerick, 24. chore, 25. chore, 26. barber, 27. glowing, 28. industrious, 29. sensibility, 30. intricate

31. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
32. chill v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
33. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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