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Session 1: Word List

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym : dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had

made for him.

misdirect

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

synonym: misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter

I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

mismanagement

n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences

synonym: inefficiency, mishandling, incompetence

(1) **mismanagement** of funds, (2) **mismanagement** of time

The company's profits suffered due to the **mismanagement** of its resources.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

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.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym: weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

outbid

v. to offer a higher price or better terms on something than others to secure a purchase or contract

synonym: outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outbid** competitors, (2) **outbid** at an auction

I tried to **outbid** the other bidders for the vintage car but eventually had to give up.

cordon

n. a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

synonym: barrier, barricade, line

(1) **cordon** tape, (2) police **cordon**

The police set up a **cordon** around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.

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.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the

crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

westward

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

synonym: western, westerly, westbound

(1) **westward** expansion, (2) **westward** migration

Lewis and Clark's **westward** journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

catchphrase

n. a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment

synonym : slogan, tagline, motto

(1) popular **catchphrase**, (2) campaign **catchphrase**

The politician's "Make America Great Again" **catchphrase** became famous during his campaign.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

condescension

n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance

synonym : patronization, snobbery, arrogance

(1) attitude of **condescension**, (2) his **condescension** toward anyone

The **condescension** in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.

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.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym: federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

sturgeon

n. a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere

(1) **sturgeon** fish, (2) **sturgeon** caviar

Sturgeon meat is considered a delicacy in many countries around the world.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym: flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. st____on fish | <i>n.</i> a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere |
| 2. st__r a steady course | <i>v.</i> to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone |
| 3. flu pa____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 4. the geo____cal situations | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area |
| 5. his con____ion toward anyone | <i>n.</i> an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance |
| 6. pr____g the agony | <i>v.</i> to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event |
| 7. mis____ent of time | <i>n.</i> the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences |
| 8. ou____d at an auction | <i>v.</i> to offer a higher price or better terms on something than others to secure a purchase or contract |
| 9. com____lth authority | <i>n.</i> a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power |

ANSWERS: 1. sturgeon, 2. steer, 3. pandemic, 4. geopolitical, 5. condescension, 6. prolong, 7. mismanagement, 8. outbid, 9. commonwealth

10. co___n tape *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
11. bu_____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
12. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. mi_____ct the letter *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
14. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
15. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
16. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
17. we_____rd migration *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
18. cash bo___y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
19. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 10. cordon, 11. burgeon, 12. opportune, 13. misdirect, 14. trump, 15. prestige, 16. pandemic, 17. westward, 18. bounty, 19. geopolitical

20. cognitive fr____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
21. the com_____lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
22. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
23. ou____d competitors *v.* to offer a higher price or better terms on something than others to secure a purchase or contract
24. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
25. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
26. de_____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
27. mi_____ct my anger *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

ANSWERS: 20. frailty, 21. commonwealth, 22. steer, 23. outbid, 24. well-being, 25. coronavirus, 26. deathbed, 27. misdirect

28. campaign cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment
29. we_____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
30. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
31. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
32. a bo____y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
33. popular cat_____se *n.* a memorable or easily recognized sentence or phrase that is repeatedly used, especially in advertising or entertainment
34. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
35. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
36. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 28. catchphrase, 29. westward, 30. prolong, 31. germ, 32. bounty, 33. catchphrase, 34. indebted, 35. well-being, 36. prestige

37. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
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39. mis_____ent of funds *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
40. de_____ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
41. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
42. fr_____y syndrome *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
43. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
44. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
45. police co_____n *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

ANSWERS: 37. policymaker, 38. coronavirus, 39. mismanagement, 40. deathbed, 41. policymaker, 42. frailty, 43. burgeon, 44. improvisation, 45. cordon

46. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
47. st_____on caviar *n.* a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere
48. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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50. attitude of con_____ion *n.* an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance
51. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
52. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 46. indebted, 47. sturgeon, 48. improvisation, 49. opportune, 50. condescension, 51. trump, 52. germ

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

2. The _____ in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.
n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance

3. The family gathered around their grandfather's _____ to say goodbye.
n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

4. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
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7. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
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ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. condescension, 3. deathbed, 4. geopolitical, 5. prolong, 6. frailty, 7. bounty

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ANSWERS: 8. catchphrase, 9. mismanagement, 10. trump, 11. westward, 12. burgeoning, 13. well-being, 14. Commonwealth

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ANSWERS: 15. cordon, 16. steer, 17. outbid, 18. misdirected, 19. indebted, 20. coronavirus, 21. Policymakers

22. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

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

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

24. The university has great _____ in the academic community.

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

25. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

26. _____ meat is considered a delicacy in many countries around the world.

n. a large, bony fish with a long, pointed snout and scaleless skin found in the northern hemisphere

ANSWERS: 22. pandemic, 23. opportune, 24. prestige, 25. germ, 26. Sturgeon