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Session 1: Word List

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym: disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

overcompensate

v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

synonym: overcorrect, overdo, make up for

(1) **overcompensate** for mistakes, (2) **overcompensate** for lack of experience

After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to **overcompensate** for his mistake.

orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

unthinkingly

adv. without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness

synonym: automatically, mindlessly, impulsively

(1) respond **unthinkingly**, (2) **unthinkingly** follow

She **unthinkingly** agreed to the terms of the contract without reading it thoroughly.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

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.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

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.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread

outrage.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely

synonym : scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress

The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

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.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym : kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a hard and re_____nt steel
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. cou_____us rescue attempt
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
3. 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
4. make a cou_____us decision
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
5. di_____te heat
v. to disperse or scatter widely
6. ha_____d by memories
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
7. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
8. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
10. m__h larva
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. courageous, 3. persevere, 4. courageous, 5. dissipate, 6. haunted, 7. empower, 8. confuse, 9. humiliate, 10. moth

11. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
12. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
13. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
14. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
15. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
16. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
17. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
18. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
19. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 11. bury, 12. viol, 13. pretension, 14. confuse, 15. haunted, 16. sham, 17. unintentional, 18. instinct, 19. forbid

20. measures to pr____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
21. unt____gly follow *adv.* without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness
22. orc____te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
23. orc____te the political reinstatement *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
24. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
25. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
26. per____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
27. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
28. ag____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

ANSWERS: 20. prolong, 21. unthinkingly, 22. orchestrate, 23. orchestrate, 24. viol, 25. forbid, 26. perpetuate, 27. misogyny, 28. agonize

29. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
30. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
31. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
32. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
33. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
34. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
35. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
36. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
37. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
38. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
39. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 29. humiliate, 30. perpetrator, 31. misogyny, 32. prolong, 33. inadvertently, 34. pretension, 35. resilient, 36. bury, 37. paralyze, 38. paralyze, 39. perpetrator

40. respond un_____gly *adv.* without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness
41. ab____t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
42. di_____te stress *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
43. ove_____ate for lack of experience *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
44. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
45. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
46. ove_____ate for mistakes *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
47. 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
48. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
49. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 40. unthinkingly, 41. abduct, 42. dissipate, 43. overcompensate, 44. sham, 45. empower, 46. overcompensate, 47. persevere, 48. unintentional, 49. instinct

50. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
51. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
52. ab___t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
53. ag_____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
54. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

ANSWERS: 50. moth, 51. perpetuate, 52. abduct, 53. agonize, 54. inadvertently

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

2. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

3. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

4. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

5. There is plenty of space to ____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

6. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

7. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

8. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.
v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 1. moth, 2. prolong, 3. empowered, 4. misogyny, 5. bury, 6. forbid, 7. confused, 8. abducted

9. The ____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
10. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
11. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
12. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
13. That work _____ his fame.
v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
14. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.
v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
15. After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to _____ for his mistake.
v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
16. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 9. viol, 10. instinct, 11. unintentional, 12. haunted, 13. perpetuates, 14. agonized, 15. overcompensate, 16. resilient

17. She _____ agreed to the terms of the contract without reading it thoroughly.

adv. without careful thought or consideration; reflexively or automatically; in a manner that lacks mindfulness or awareness

18. He carefully _____ the details of his business plan.

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(noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

19. Even when faced with challenges, it's important to _____ and never give up.

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20. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

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21. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.

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22. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

23. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

24. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 17. unthinkingly, 18. orchestrated, 19. persevere, 20. inadvertently, 21. perpetrator, 22. humiliated, 23. courageous, 24. paralyzed

25. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

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ANSWERS: 25. pretensions, 26. dissipated, 27. sham