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Session 1: Word List

peach

n. juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive

synonym: fruit, nectarine, apricot

(1) **peach** cobbler, (2) juicy **peaches**

The **peach** tree in my backyard produced a bountiful harvest this year.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote **intergenerational** ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

tiring

adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

synonym: exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

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.

gymnastics

n. a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility

synonym : acrobatics, tumbling, contortion

(1) **gymnastics** competition, (2) **gymnastics** routine

Gymnastics classes are fun for kids to stay active and learn new skills.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gym_____cs competition *n.* a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility
2. gym_____cs routine *n.* a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility
3. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
4. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
5. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
6. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
7. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
8. pe__h cobbler *n.* juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive

ANSWERS: 1. gymnastics, 2. gymnastics, 3. unstoppable, 4. preach, 5. explode, 6. explode, 7. preach, 8. peach

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| 9. flexible mi_____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 10. ti____g day | <i>adj.</i> causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom |
| 11. an env_____ist political party | <i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment |
| 12. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 13. uns_____le force | <i>adj.</i> impossible to stop or prevent |
| 14. gr____y person | <i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food |
| 15. juicy pe__hes | <i>n.</i> juicy, sweet fruit with fuzzy, pinkish-yellow skin; a person or thing that is particularly pleasing or attractive |
| 16. g__e him with a weapon | <i>v.</i> to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound |
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| 20. political op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |

ANSWERS: 9. mindset, 10. tiring, 11. environmentalist, 12. resilient, 13. unstoppable, 14. greedy, 15. peach, 16. gore, 17. recycle, 18. mindset, 19. gore, 20. optimism

21. int_____nal conflict *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
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26. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
27. mentally ti_____g *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
28. promote int_____nal ties *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

ANSWERS: 21. intergenerational, 22. optimism, 23. resilient, 24. greedy, 25. environmentalist, 26. recycle, 27. tiring, 28. intergenerational

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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