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Session 1: Word List

gingerbread

n. a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations

synonym: cookie, cake, pastry

(1) **gingerbread** house, (2) **gingerbread** latte

The children had fun making **gingerbread** cookies for the holidays.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

deviate

v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

synonym: stray, diverge, veer

(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan

It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

smug

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

synonym: self-satisfied, complacent, self-assured

(1) in a **smug** manner, (2) **smug** attitude

She felt **smug** about her performance in the competition.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym : get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

sentient

adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

synonym : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine

(something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

demonstrable

adj. capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

synonym: evident, provable, observable

(1) **demonstrable** evidence, (2) **demonstrable** skills

The company's **demonstrable** success has attracted many potential investors.

crumb

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

synonym: fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
2. se_____nt beings *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
3. be____y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
4. in a s__g manner *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
5. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
6. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
7. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
8. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
9. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
10. dem_____ble evidence *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

ANSWERS: 1. endlessly, 2. sentient, 3. betray, 4. smug, 5. chew, 6. adversary, 7. sunrise, 8. sunrise, 9. betray, 10. demonstrable

11. s__g attitude *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
12. de____e from the plan *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
13. cr__b of information *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
14. re_____te in a like fashion *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
15. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
16. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
17. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
18. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
19. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 11. smug, 12. deviate, 13. crumb, 14. retaliate, 15. doom, 16. erode, 17. unconditional, 18. scot, 19. erode

20. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
21. gin_____ad latte *n.* a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations
22. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
23. dem_____ble skills *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
24. de_____e from the norm *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
25. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
26. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
27. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
28. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 20. adversary, 21. gingerbread, 22. scot, 23. demonstrable, 24. deviate, 25. endlessly, 26. unfold, 27. retaliate, 28. chew

29. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
30. notorious tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
31. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
32. political tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
33. bread cr__b *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
34. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
35. gin_____ad house *n.* a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations

ANSWERS: 29. doom, 30. traitor, 31. unconditional, 32. traitor, 33. crumb, 34. unfold, 35. gingerbread

36. se____nt robots

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ANSWERS: 36. sentient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly _____ and intelligent creatures.
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6. After the other team scored, we _____ by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.
 - v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

ANSWERS: 1. eroded, 2. betrayed, 3. sentient, 4. deviate, 5. unconditional, 6. retaliated

7. My dog found a _____ on the floor and quickly ate it.
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8. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
9. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
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- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

18. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.

- n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

ANSWERS: 15. unfolded, 16. gingerbread, 17. scot-free, 18. sunrise