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Session 1: Word List

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

engender

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

synonym : beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

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.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

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**.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

apolitical

adj. not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

synonym: nonpartisan, impartial, unbiased

(1) **apolitical** stance, (2) **apolitical** organization

The nonprofit organization remains **apolitical** and does not endorse any political candidates.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate

His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

vigilance

n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

synonym: watchfulness, attentiveness, alertness

(1) exercise **vigilance**, (2) heightened **vigilance**

Constant **vigilance** is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

firework

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services
Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym: calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____er a crisis *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
2. apo_____al organization *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
3. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
4. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
5. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
6. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
7. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
8. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
9. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 1. engender, 2. apolitical, 3. enrich, 4. doom, 5. wardrobe, 6. propensity, 7. hospitalize, 8. ambiguity, 9. determinant, 10. prioritize

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| 11. prophet of d__m | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 12. sa___e magazine | <i>n.</i> a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques |
| 13. l__l in the battle | <i>n.</i> a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation |
| 14. minimalist wa_____be | <i>n.</i> a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings |
| 15. rich in nu___e | <i>n.</i> a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc. |
| 16. re_____ne the possibilities | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |
| 17. en___h public services | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 18. avoid am_____ty in writing | <i>n.</i> the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning |
| 19. di_____ve question | <i>adj.</i> tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people |
| 20. personality tr__ts | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature |

ANSWERS: 11. doom, 12. satire, 13. lull, 14. wardrobe, 15. nuance, 16. reimagine, 17. enrich, 18. ambiguity, 19. divisive, 20. trait

21. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
22. subtle cultural nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
23. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
24. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
25. grand fi____rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
26. creative in____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
27. re____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
28. the inc____on of a slope *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
29. en____er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
30. pro____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
31. heightened vi____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

ANSWERS: 21. divisive, 22. nuance, 23. ironic, 24. trait, 25. firework, 26. intuition, 27. reimagine, 28. inclination, 29. engender, 30. propensity, 31. vigilance

32. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
33. apo_____al stance *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
34. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
35. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
36. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
37. the l___l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
38. fi_____rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
39. exercise vi_____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
40. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 32. hospitalize, 33. apolitical, 34. improvisation, 35. intuition, 36. determinant, 37. lull, 38. firework, 39. vigilance, 40. satire

41. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
42. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
43. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
44. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 41. ironic, 42. inclination, 43. prioritize, 44. improvisation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
2. The discussion about war helps _____ a sense of shared humanity.
v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
3. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
4. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
6. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
7. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

ANSWERS: 1. enriches, 2. engender, 3. nuance, 4. intuitions, 5. reimagine, 6. wardrobe, 7. divisive

8. 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
9. She had an _____ towards the arts.
- n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
10. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
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11. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.
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12. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
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14. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.
- v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
15. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 8. improvisation, 9. inclination, 10. ambiguity, 11. propensity, 12. determinant, 13. lull, 14. hospitalized, 15. ironic

16. The nonprofit organization remains _____ and does not endorse any political candidates.

adj. not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

17. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

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18. Constant _____ is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

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21. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

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22. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 16. apolitical, 17. prioritized, 18. vigilance, 19. doom, 20. firework, 21. satire, 22. traits