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Session 1: Word List

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

sharent

v. (the combination of the words "share" and "parent") to share information, photos, and other content about one's children on social media or other online platforms; (noun) parents who frequently share or overshare information about their children, particularly on social media platforms

(1) **sharent** photos, (2) **sharent** adorable moments

Parents who **sharent** on social media need to be aware of

the potential consequences for their children.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

ovulation

n. the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

synonym: egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

miscarriage

n. the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

synonym: stillbirth, abortion

(1) **miscarriage** prevention, (2) early **miscarriage**

Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential **miscarriage** and take steps to prevent it.

cramp

n. a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress

synonym: crick, spasm, twinge

(1) hand **cramp**, (2) stomach **cramp**

I had to stop running because of a severe **cramp** in my leg.

- nap** *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
synonym: rest, doze, drowse
(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**
She woke the kids up from their **nap**.
- creditor** *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- iceberg** *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe
(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting
The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.
- 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.
- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- affluence** *n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

synonym: wealth, prosperity, richness

(1) postwar **affluence**, (2) material **affluence**

She lived a life of **affluence**, with all the money and possessions she could ever want.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym: impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect
You might need to **amplify** this point.

perpetrate

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

synonym : commit, perform, execute

(1) **perpetrate** harassment, (2) **perpetrate** a fraud

The criminal decided to **perpetrate** another robbery despite his previous arrest.

Session 2: Spelling

1. early mis_____ge *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
2. postwar af_____ce *n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
3. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
4. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
5. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
6. inhibit ov_____on *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
7. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
8. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
9. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
10. sh_____t adorable moments *v.* (the combination of the words "share" and "parent") to share information, photos, and other content about one's children on social media or other online platforms; (noun) parents who frequently share or overshare information about their children, particularly on social media platforms

ANSWERS: 1. miscarriage, 2. affluence, 3. app, 4. iceberg, 5. creditor, 6. ovulation, 7. humming, 8. institutionalize, 9. amplify, 10. sharent

11. 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
12. per_____te harassment *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
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14. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
15. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
16. sh_____t photos *v.* (the combination of the words "share" and "parent") to share information, photos, and other content about one's children on social media or other online platforms; (noun) parents who frequently share or overshare information about their children, particularly on social media platforms
17. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 11. determinant, 12. perpetrate, 13. institutionalize, 14. humming, 15. anthropology, 16. sharent, 17. rev

18. hand cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
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26. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
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28. material af_____ce *n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
29. per_____te a fraud *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
30. in_____e on other people's conversations *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
31. stomach cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
32. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
33. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
34. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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