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Session 1: Word List

cuss

v. to say offensive words in anger or annoyance

synonym: swear, curse, blaspheme

(1) **cuss** out an opponent, (2) **cuss** at the lousy service

He speaks excessively and occasionally **cusses**.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym: dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

denominator

n. the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**

The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

taarof

n. a type of social etiquette observed in Iranian and some Arab cultures, where polite and indirect language is used to show respect and deference to others, which often involves offering or insisting on hospitality or other forms of assistance, even when not necessarily desired or needed

synonym: politeness, etiquette, civility

(1) **taarof** protocol, (2) traditional **taarof**

As a gesture of **taarof**, the host offered his guests the best seats.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

mannequin

n. a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window

synonym : dummy, model, figure

(1) **mannequin** display, (2) pose **mannequin**

The store's window display featured a series of **mannequins** dressed in the latest fashion.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym : squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

endear

v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

synonym : fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym : detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student
The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil
The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

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.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym : expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

tripping

adj. describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination

synonym : trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-altering

(1) **tripping** hazards, (2) **tripping** on acid

Her **tripping** laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

unreal

adj. imaginary; not existing in fact

synonym : false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation

The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

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**.

inconsequential

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

synonym : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym : unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
2. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
3. scientific ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
4. business ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
5. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
6. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
7. en____r to everyone *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. insignificant, 2. indebted, 3. jargon, 4. jargon, 5. clap, 6. posit, 7. endear

8. sq___m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
9. un___l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
10. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
11. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
12. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
13. pose ma_____in *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
14. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
15. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
16. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
17. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
18. low-r_v engine *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: 8. squirm, 9. unreal, 10. humility, 11. scar, 12. scar, 13. mannequin, 14. bud, 15. spit, 16. revisit, 17. posit, 18. rev

19. common den_____or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
20. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
21. 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
22. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
23. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
24. a local di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
25. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
26. 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: 19. denominator, 20. dialect, 21. determinant, 22. determinant, 23. resourceful, 24. dialect, 25. indebted, 26. rev

27. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
28. c__s at the lousy service *v.* to say offensive words in anger or annoyance
29. le____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
30. inc_____ial details *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
31. re____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
32. ma_____in display *n.* a life-sized model of the human body used for displaying clothes, especially in a store window
33. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
34. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
35. tr_____ng on acid *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
36. traditional ta____f *n.* a type of social etiquette observed in Iranian and some Arab cultures, where polite and indirect language is used to show respect and deference to others, which often involves offering or insisting on hospitality or other forms of assistance, even when not necessarily desired or needed

ANSWERS: 27. plow, 28. cuss, 29. lexicon, 30. inconsequential, 31. revisit, 32.

mannequin, 33. conceal, 34. transcend, 35. tripping, 36. taarof

37. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
38. c__s out an opponent *v.* to say offensive words in anger or annoyance
39. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
40. a pai_____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
41. inc_____ial effect *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
42. ta___f protocol *n.* a type of social etiquette observed in Iranian and some Arab cultures, where polite and indirect language is used to show respect and deference to others, which often involves offering or insisting on hospitality or other forms of assistance, even when not necessarily desired or needed
43. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
44. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
45. Greek-English le_____n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
46. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 37. plow, 38. cuss, 39. insignificant, 40. painstaking, 41. inconsequential, 42. taarof, 43. vernacular, 44. medicinal, 45. lexicon, 46. medicinal

47. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
48. sq___m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
49. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
50. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
51. different den_____ors *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
52. pai_____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
53. tr_____ng hazards *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
54. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
55. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
56. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
57. have an un___l feeling *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

ANSWERS: 47. transcend, 48. squirm, 49. vernacular, 50. resourceful, 51. denominator, 52. painstaking, 53. tripping, 54. humility, 55. conceal, 56. bud, 57. unreal

58. en__r a character to young readers
- v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
59. s__t a mouthful of saliva
- v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
60. c__p a book shut
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 58. endear, 59. spit, 60. clap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - 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

3. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
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6. The child _____ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.
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7. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
 - v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. rev, 3. concealed, 4. mannequins, 5. unreal, 6. squirmed, 7. transcended

8. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
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ANSWERS: 15. spit, 16. painstaking, 17. indebted, 18. denominator, 19. scar, 20. cusses, 21. insignificant, 22. medicinal, 23. plow

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ANSWERS: 24. bud, 25. inconsequential, 26. taarof, 27. resourceful, 28. clapped, 29. dialect, 30. jargon

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