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Session 1: Word List

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

tarmac

n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

tonic

adj. of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

synonym: (noun) brew, (noun) elixir

(1) the **tonic** sol-fa, (2) a **tonic** medicine

A **tonic** syllable carries the main stress in a word.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

parlance

n. the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social

group

synonym: jargon, vernacular, dialect

(1) legal **parlance**, (2) common **parlance**

In medical **parlance**, a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

nestling

n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother

synonym: chick, fledgling, baby bird

(1) **nestling** bird, (2) hungry **nestling**

The mother bird was carefully feeding her **nestlings**.

anthology

n. a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

synonym: compilation, collection, selection

(1) **anthology** series, (2) short story **anthology**

A renowned literary critic edited the poetry **anthology**.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym: duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

sack

- v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

blackboard

- n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym: chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

vape

- v.* to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette

synonym: smoke, puff, inhale

(1) **vape** pen, (2) **vape** smokes

She decided to **vape** a refreshing mint-flavored e-liquid to satisfy her nicotine cravings.

leafy

- adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

synonym: verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant gardens.

loneliness

- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym: unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

ransack

v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

synonym: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym: stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a

new place to live.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

liturgy

n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church

synonym: rite, service, ceremony

(1) divine **liturgy**, (2) **liturgy** of a church

The **liturgy** for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

frenzied

adj. wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

synonym: frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

frazzle

v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork

synonym: exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue

(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair

The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym: secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

cipher

n. a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality

synonym: code, symbol, character

(1) telegram in **cipher**, (2) secret **cipher**

The encrypted message was written in an unknown **cipher** that the codebreakers had to decipher.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a strong sense of lon_____ss | <i>n.</i> a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people |
| 2. technological im_____s | <i>n.</i> a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change |
| 3. an_____gy series | <i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme |
| 4. secret ci____r | <i>n.</i> a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality |
| 5. bo_____m relief | <i>n.</i> a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation |
| 6. electronic bla_____rd | <i>n.</i> a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk |
| 7. ex-convict bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |

ANSWERS: 1. loneliness, 2. impetus, 3. anthology, 4. cipher, 5. boredom, 6. blackboard, 7. burglar

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| 8. medieval my___c | <i>adj.</i> having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension |
| 9. in the gu__e of a woman | <i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature |
| 10. telegram in ci___r | <i>n.</i> a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality |
| 11. have a da____g baby | <i>n.</i> a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear |
| 12. lo___n grip | <i>v.</i> to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax |
| 13. ne____ng bird | <i>n.</i> a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother |
| 14. ast_____ng achievement | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 15. ra____k a town | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 16. go there af____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |

ANSWERS: 8. mystic, 9. guise, 10. cipher, 11. darling, 12. loosen, 13. nestling, 14. astonishing, 15. ransack, 16. afterward

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| 17. ta___c a driveway | <i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac |
| 18. my___c teaching | <i>adj.</i> having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension |
| 19. hungry ne_____ng | <i>n.</i> a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother |
| 20. fr_____e my nerves | <i>v.</i> to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork |
| 21. co_____er relationship | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 22. answer in a wh_____r | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 23. le__y suburbs | <i>adj.</i> covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat |

ANSWERS: 17. tarmac, 18. mystic, 19. nestling, 20. frazzle, 21. coworker, 22. whisper, 23. leafy

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| 24. short story an_____gy | <i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme |
| 25. spiritual co_____on with nature | <i>n.</i> the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist |
| 26. the to__c sol-fa | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor |
| 27. di_____b the peace | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 28. fr_____ed buying | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement |
| 29. ra_____k a house | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 30. a to__c medicine | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor |
| 31. di_____b his sleep | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 32. argue with a co_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |

ANSWERS: 24. anthology, 25. communion, 26. tonic, 27. disturb, 28. frenzied, 29. ransack, 30. tonic, 31. disturb, 32. coworker

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| 33. ph_____py machine | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier |
| 34. chalk on a bla_____rd | <i>n.</i> a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk |
| 35. le__y canopy | <i>adj.</i> covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat |
| 36. remedy lon_____ss | <i>n.</i> a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people |
| 37. chronic bo_____m | <i>n.</i> a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation |
| 38. drunk and in_____le | <i>adj.</i> unable to do, control, or achieve something |
| 39. ret_____ct review | <i>n.</i> a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished |
| 40. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 41. common pa_____ce | <i>n.</i> the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group |

ANSWERS: 33. photocopy, 34. blackboard, 35. leafy, 36. loneliness, 37. boredom, 38. incapable, 39. retrospect, 40. startling, 41. parlance

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| 42. political im____s | <i>n.</i> a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change |
| 43. divine li____y | <i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church |
| 44. legal pa____ce | <i>n.</i> the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group |
| 45. the wh____r of the leaves | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 46. color ph____py | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier |
| 47. te__y bit | <i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny |
| 48. s__k an employee | <i>v.</i> to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things |
| 49. co____on with God | <i>n.</i> the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist |

ANSWERS: 42. impetus, 43. liturgy, 44. parlance, 45. whisper, 46. photocopy, 47. teeny, 48. sack, 49. communion

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| 50. a sleep s__k | <i>v.</i> to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things |
| 51. st_____ng earthquake shocks | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 52. fr_____e-free hair | <i>v.</i> to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork |
| 53. with hindsight ret_____ct | <i>n.</i> a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished |
| 54. fr_____ed excitement | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement |
| 55. caught the bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |
| 56. li_____y of a church | <i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church |
| 57. v__e smokes | <i>v.</i> to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette |

ANSWERS: 50. sack, 51. startling, 52. frazzle, 53. retrospect, 54. frenzied, 55. burglar, 56. liturgy, 57. vape

58. so te__y tiny	<i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny
59. v__e pen	<i>v.</i> to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette
60. re____re market	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
61. in____le of being resisted	<i>adj.</i> unable to do, control, or achieve something
62. re___e from view	<i>v.</i> to pull back or move away or backward
63. make ast_____ng gains	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
64. lo___n knot	<i>v.</i> to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
65. re____re anxious patients	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
66. re___e in the darkness	<i>v.</i> to pull back or move away or backward
67. under the gu__e of friendship	<i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
68. a few years af____rd	<i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned
69. ta___c repair	<i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

ANSWERS: 58. teeny, 59. vape, 60. reassure, 61. incapable, 62. recede, 63. astonishing, 64. loosen, 65. reassure, 66. recede, 67. guise, 68. afterward, 69. tarmac

70. medium da____g

n. a term of endearment or affectionate
term for someone you love or hold dear

ANSWERS: 70. darling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mother bird was carefully feeding her _____.
n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
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adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
3. I realize the _____ of a single life.
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ANSWERS: 1. nestlings, 2. astonishing, 3. loneliness, 4. frenzied, 5. vape, 6. photocopy, 7. sacked

8. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

9. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

10. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

11. The _____ for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

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12. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

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20. In medical _____ a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.
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ANSWERS: 16. receded, 17. burglar, 18. leafy, 19. ransacked, 20. parlance, 21. frazzled, 22. disturb, 23. guise

24. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.

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25. A renowned literary critic edited the poetry _____.

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ANSWERS: 24. retrospect, 25. anthology, 26. loosen, 27. impetus, 28. tarmac, 29. coworker, 30. incapable, 31. mystic

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(Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

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- n.* a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality

34. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

35. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 32. communion, 33. cipher, 34. boredom, 35. afterward