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Session 1: Word List

cornea

n. the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina

synonym: eye membrane, eye lens

(1) **cornea** transplant, (2) **cornea** damage

A scratched **cornea** can be very painful and may cause blurry vision.

retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

snowy

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

synonym: wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp

instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym : slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

rivet

n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

synonym : bolt, fastener, clinch

(1) **rivet** gun, (2) button-head **rivet**

The **rivets** on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym : joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes
The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

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.

aviator

n. a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft

synonym: pilot, flyer, airman

(1) **aviator** goggles, (2) experienced **aviator**

The **aviator's** daring flight across the Atlantic was a historic achievement.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

misfit

n. a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

synonym : outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym : savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym : launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

upbeat

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

synonym : optimistic, positive, hopeful

(1) **upbeat** attitude, (2) remain **upbeat** about the future

The **upbeat** music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

Session 2: Spelling

1. corporate mi___t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
2. re___a scanner *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
3. insecure hi___e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
4. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
5. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
6. remain up___t about the future *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
7. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
8. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
9. ri___t gun *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

ANSWERS: 1. misfit, 2. retina, 3. hinge, 4. glamorous, 5. magnify, 6. upbeat, 7. portray, 8. spectacle, 9. rivet

10. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
11. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
12. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
13. up___t attitude *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
14. co___a transplant *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina
15. experienced av____r *n.* a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft
16. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
17. av____r goggles *n.* a pilot or person who is licensed to fly an aircraft
18. co___a damage *n.* the transparent layer at the front of the eye that covers the iris and pupil and helps to focus light onto the retina
19. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

ANSWERS: 10. adventurous, 11. nerd, 12. elevate, 13. upbeat, 14. cornea, 15. aviator, 16. hinge, 17. aviator, 18. cornea, 19. lifeline

20. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
21. re___al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
22. sn__y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
23. button-head ri__t *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
24. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
25. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
26. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
27. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
28. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 20. trait, 21. retina, 22. snowy, 23. rivet, 24. elevate, 25. slit, 26. nerd, 27. glamorous, 28. slit

29. powerful ca____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
30. sn__y landscape *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
31. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
32. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
33. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
34. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
35. lead an adv_____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
36. ca____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
37. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
38. social mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

ANSWERS: 29. catapult, 30. snowy, 31. trait, 32. spectacle, 33. outlaw, 34. magnify, 35. adventurous, 36. catapult, 37. portray, 38. misfit

39. ou___w cloning of human cells

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

40. li_____ne support

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

ANSWERS: 39. outlaw, 40. lifeline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
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6. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
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v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 1. magnify, 2. glamorous, 3. traits, 4. lifeline, 5. slit, 6. portray, 7. elevates

8. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.

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ANSWERS: 16. hinge, 17. snowy, 18. rivets, 19. nerd, 20. misfit