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Session 1: Word List

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

misaligned

adj. not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation

synonym : crooked, askew, abused

(1) **misaligned** teeth, (2) **misaligned** priorities

The painting was crooked and **misaligned**, so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.

limerick

n. a humorous poem characterized by a fixed form consisting of five lines, the first, second, and fifth of which rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth of which rhyme with each other

synonym : poem, verse, rhyme

(1) **limerick** poetry, (2) silly **limerick**

The comedian told a hilarious **limerick** that had the entire

audience laughing.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

squelch

v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

synonym: squish, slosh, splash

(1) **squelch** a rumor, (2) **squelch** a rebellion

She had to **squelch** her anger before she spoke to her boss about the issue.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

haphazard

adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

synonym: random, careless, arbitrary

(1) **haphazard** approach, (2) **haphazard** design

The company's hiring process was **haphazard**, with no objective criteria or standards.

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym: toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

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.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym: break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym : metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sq_____h a rumor
v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
2. wo_____ss coin
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
3. da___e in a hobby
v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
4. da___e at French
v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
5. mis_____ed priorities
adj. not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
6. bankrupt cr_____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
7. ca_____ia lunch
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
8. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. in a fig_____ve sense
adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

ANSWERS: 1. squelch, 2. worthless, 3. dabble, 4. dabble, 5. misaligned, 6. creditor, 7. cafeteria, 8. excite, 9. figurative

10. mis_____ed teeth *adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
11. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
12. sq_____h a rebellion *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
13. li_____ck poetry *n.* a humorous poem characterized by a fixed form consisting of five lines, the first, second, and fifth of which rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth of which rhyme with each other
14. ha_____rd design *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
15. ha_____rd approach *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
16. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
17. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

ANSWERS: 10. misaligned, 11. agony, 12. squelch, 13. limerick, 14. haphazard, 15. haphazard, 16. energize, 17. excite, 18. whim

19. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
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22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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24. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
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27. silly li_____ck *n.* a humorous poem characterized by a fixed form consisting of five lines, the first, second, and fifth of which rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth of which rhyme with each other
28. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 19. whim, 20. underlie, 21. cafeteria, 22. opportune, 23. agony, 24. slogan, 25. energize, 26. opportune, 27. limerick, 28. worthless

29. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
30. a court re___s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
31. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
32. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
33. during noon re___s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
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ANSWERS: 29. figurative, 30. recess, 31. underlie, 32. creditor, 33. recess, 34. slogan

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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