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Session 1: Word List

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym : tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

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.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

honk

n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

synonym : beep, toot, blare

(1) **honk** sound, (2) **honk** for attention

The incessant **honk** of the car's horn woke me from sleep.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym : classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

synonym: mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals

I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

recital

n. a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts

synonym: performance, concert, show

(1) poetry **recital**, (2) give a **recital** at the hall

Her piano **recital** was a great success, and she received a standing ovation.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym: composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym: delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

synonym: hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

rustle

v. to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed

synonym: swish, whisper, murmur

(1) **rustle** up a meal, (2) **rustle** paper

The leaves **rustled** in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

divination

n. the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or unknown through supernatural means or the interpretation of omens, signs, and events

synonym: augury, prophecy, fortune-telling

(1) tarot **divination**, (2) **divination** ritual

The ancient practice of tea leaf **divination** involves interpreting the patterns left by tea leaves in a cup.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sh____r the plate | <i>v.</i> to break suddenly into many pieces |
| 2. harmless pr__k | <i>n.</i> a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others |
| 3. h__k for attention | <i>n.</i> a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention |
| 4. b__r image | <i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |
| 5. to a rec_____ble degree | <i>adj.</i> easy to become aware of or identify |
| 6. h__k sound | <i>n.</i> a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention |
| 7. div_____on ritual | <i>n.</i> the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or unknown through supernatural means or the interpretation of omens, signs, and events |
| 8. ev__e sympathy | <i>v.</i> to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 9. ba_____b drain | <i>n.</i> a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe |
| 10. sh____r a world record | <i>v.</i> to break suddenly into many pieces |

ANSWERS: 1. shatter, 2. prank, 3. honk, 4. blur, 5. recognizable, 6. honk, 7. divination, 8. evoke, 9. bathtub, 10. shatter

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| 11. pr__k caller | <i>n.</i> a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others |
| 12. el___t a solution | <i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty |
| 13. jumping for g__e | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment |
| 14. a rh____ic stroking | <i>adj.</i> having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm |
| 15. get hys_____al easily | <i>adj.</i> marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion |
| 16. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 17. give a re_____l at the hall | <i>n.</i> a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts |
| 18. rec_____ble landmark | <i>adj.</i> easy to become aware of or identify |
| 19. cho_____phy art | <i>n.</i> the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance |

ANSWERS: 11. prank, 12. elicit, 13. glee, 14. rhythmic, 15. hysterical, 16. determinant, 17. recital, 18. recognizable, 19. choreography

20. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
21. ba_____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
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. el____t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
24. poetry re_____l *n.* a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts
25. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
26. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
27. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
28. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
29. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 20. categorize, 21. bathtub, 22. determinant, 23. elicit, 24. recital, 25. ephemeral, 26. dedicate, 27. choreography, 28. hysterical, 29. dedicate

30. mi___e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
31. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
32. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision
33. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
34. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
35. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
36. tarot div_____on *n.* the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or unknown through supernatural means or the interpretation of omens, signs, and events
37. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
38. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
39. mi___e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
40. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 30. mingle, 31. reinvent, 32. blur, 33. glee, 34. ephemeral, 35. prioritize, 36. divination, 37. evoke, 38. rhythmic, 39. mingle, 40. reinvent

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| 41. ru___e up a meal | v. | to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed |
| 42. pri_____ze people over cars | v. | to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 43. cat_____ze the image | v. | to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 44. ru___e paper | v. | to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed |

ANSWERS: 41. rustle, 42. prioritize, 43. categorize, 44. rustle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I filled the _____ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.
n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

2. The group of teenagers played an innocent _____ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.
n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

3. Her piano _____ was a great success, and she received a standing ovation.
n. a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts

4. The incessant _____ of the car's horn woke me from sleep.
n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

5. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify

6. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

7. The ancient practice of tea leaf _____ involves interpreting the patterns left by tea leaves in a cup.
n. the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or unknown through supernatural means or the interpretation of omens, signs, and events

ANSWERS: 1. bathtub, 2. prank, 3. recital, 4. honk, 5. recognizable, 6. glee, 7. divination

8. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
9. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.
- adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
10. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
- v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
11. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
12. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
- v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
13. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
14. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15. His success as a famous actor was _____.
- adj. lasting or used for only a short time
16. The leaves _____ in the wind, creating a peaceful sound in the forest.
- v. to make a soft, crackling sound, like the sound caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper; to move quietly or furtively to avoid being heard or noticed

ANSWERS: 8. prioritized, 9. hysterical, 10. categorized, 11. blur, 12. elicited, 13. reinvent, 14. dedicated, 15. ephemeral, 16. rustled

17. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

18. 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

19. I decided to _____ with the crowd and converse with some new people.

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

20. The dance performance featured intricate _____.

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

21. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

22. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

ANSWERS: 17. shattered, 18. determinant, 19. mingle, 20. choreography, 21. rhythmic, 22. evoke