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Session 1: Word List

waddle

v. to walk with short, unsteady steps, swaying from side to side; (noun) a rolling gait or awkward walk, often accompanied by the swaying of the body from side to side, as is typical of certain birds and aquatic animals

synonym : waggle, toddle, totter

(1) **waddle** like a duck, (2) cute **waddle**

The little penguin **waddled** awkwardly across the icy landscape.

immobile

adj. unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect

synonym : motionless, stationary, still

(1) **immobile** object, (2) **immobile** body

The patient's injury left them **immobile** for weeks.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

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.

pliable

adj. flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking

synonym : flexible, bendable, malleable

(1) **pliable** dough, (2) keep the skin **pliable**

Certain types of plastic become **pliable** when heated.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save

space on her computer.

springy

adj. resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active

synonym: elastic, resilient, bouncy

(1) a **springy** step, (2) **springy** floor

The **springy** mattress provided a comfortable night's sleep.

airway

n. the air passage from the nose and throat to the lungs; a designated route followed by airplanes flying from one airport to another

synonym: air passage, air duct, skyway

(1) **airway** blockage, (2) **airway** beacon

When performing lifesaving, the first step is to secure the **airway**.

cartilage

n. a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

synonym: connective tissue, gristle, fibrocartilage

(1) **cartilage** damage, (2) nasal **cartilage**

The knee joint is supported by **cartilage**, which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

convex

adj. having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward

synonym: curved, arched, bulging

(1) **convex** mirror, (2) **convex** surface

The magnifying glass had a **convex** shape, allowing for a better view of the specimen.

refract

v. to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered

synonym : bend, deflect, distort

(1) **refract** light, (2) **refract** sound

The morning sun **refracted** off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.

teardrop

n. anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

synonym : tear

(1) **teardrop** balloon, (2) **teardrop** earring

Teardrop rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

whisker

n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

synonym : hair, whisk, bristle

(1) **whisker** trimming, (2) box- **whisker** chart

The cat's **whiskers** twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.

vibrissa

n. a stiff hair or bristle, particularly the long hairs on the face of some mammals, such as cats or rodents, used for tactile sensing

synonym : whisker, hair, bristle

(1) **vibrissa** hair, (2) **vibrissa** function

The cat's **vibrissa** helps it sense objects in the dark.

keratin

n. a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

synonym : ceratin

(1) **keratin** treatment, (2) **keratin** protein

Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess **keratin** on the skin's surface

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

anchovy

n. a small saltwater fish with a strong flavor, often used in cooking and as a pizza topping

synonym : sardine

(1) pasta with **anchovy**, (2) **anchovy** fillets

I don't particularly enjoy **anchovy** on my pizza.

mackerel

n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

(1) blue **mackerel**, (2) fresh **mackerel**

Many people enjoy grilled **mackerel** as a delicious and healthy meal option.

foe *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent
(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**
The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

stomp *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
synonym: trample, tread, dance
(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot
The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

unfold *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
synonym: open, spread out, expose
(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller
The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

algae *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**
Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

ingest *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
synonym: swallow, consume, devour
(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication
People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

domoic

adj. related to or containing domoic acid, a toxic compound produced by some types of algae and found in certain shellfish and fish

synonym : poisonous, toxic, harmful

(1) **domoic** acid neurotoxin, (2) **domoic** acid toxicity

Seafood contaminated with **domoic** acid can cause illness in humans.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____ss gas
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
2. cen_____er measurement
n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
3. in_____t the stomach
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
4. in_____e a tire
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
5. a__n to the prior experiences
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
6. res_____ul cook in town
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
7. wa___e like a duck
v. to walk with short, unsteady steps, swaying from side to side; (noun) a rolling gait or awkward walk, often accompanied by the swaying of the body from side to side, as is typical of certain birds and aquatic animals
8. bitter f_e
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
9. fresh ma_____el
n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
10. ke_____n treatment
n. a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

ANSWERS: 1. compress, 2. centimeter, 3. inhabit, 4. inflate, 5. akin, 6. resourceful, 7. waddle, 8. foe, 9. mackerel, 10. keratin

11. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
12. cute wa___e *v.* to walk with short, unsteady steps, swaying from side to side; (noun) a rolling gait or awkward walk, often accompanied by the swaying of the body from side to side, as is typical of certain birds and aquatic animals
13. a sort of ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
14. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
15. co___x surface *adj.* having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward
16. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
17. a sp_____y step *adj.* resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active
18. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
19. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 11. akin, 12. waddle, 13. mammal, 14. algae, 15. convex, 16. centimeter, 17. springy, 18. unfold, 19. rib

20. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
21. im_____le body *adj.* unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
22. te_____op earring *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
23. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
24. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
25. hu___e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
26. keep the skin pl_____e *adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking
27. do___c acid toxicity *adj.* related to or containing domoic acid, a toxic compound produced by some types of algae and found in certain shellfish and fish

ANSWERS: 20. stomp, 21. immobile, 22. teardrop, 23. blindfold, 24. rib, 25. hurtle, 26. pliable, 27. domoic

28. in___t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
29. pasta with an____y *n.* a small saltwater fish with a strong flavor, often used in cooking and as a pizza topping
30. vi_____sa function *n.* a stiff hair or bristle, particularly the long hairs on the face of some mammals, such as cats or rodents, used for tactile sensing
31. sp_____y floor *adj.* resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active
32. ai___y beacon *n.* the air passage from the nose and throat to the lungs; a designated route followed by airplanes flying from one airport to another
33. pl_____e dough *adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking
34. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
35. ai___y blockage *n.* the air passage from the nose and throat to the lungs; a designated route followed by airplanes flying from one airport to another
36. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
37. nasal ca_____ge *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

ANSWERS: 28. ingest, 29. anchovy, 30. vibrissa, 31. springy, 32. airway, 33. pliable, 34. inhabit, 35. airway, 36. pinpoint, 37. cartilage

38. im____le object *adj.* unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
39. co____x mirror *adj.* having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward
40. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
41. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
42. hu____e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
43. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
44. an____y fillets *n.* a small saltwater fish with a strong flavor, often used in cooking and as a pizza topping
45. wh____r trimming *n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
46. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 38. immobile, 39. convex, 40. algae, 41. unfold, 42. hurtle, 43. ingest, 44. anchovy, 45. whisker, 46. stomp

47. co____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
48. a ma____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
49. re____t light *v.* to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
50. te____op balloon *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
51. box-wh____r chart *n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
52. bl____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
53. in____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
54. re____t sound *v.* to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered

ANSWERS: 47. compress, 48. majestic, 49. refract, 50. teardrop, 51. whisker, 52. blindfold, 53. inflate, 54. refract

55. ca_____ge damage *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
56. ke_____n protein *n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
57. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
58. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
59. a primitive ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
60. vi_____sa hair *n.* a stiff hair or bristle, particularly the long hairs on the face of some mammals, such as cats or rodents, used for tactile sensing
61. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
62. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
63. blue ma_____el *n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

ANSWERS: 55. cartilage, 56. keratin, 57. foe, 58. resourceful, 59. mammal, 60. vibrissa, 61. pinpoint, 62. majestic, 63. mackerel

64. do___c acid neurotoxin

adj. related to or containing domoic acid, a toxic compound produced by some types of algae and found in certain shellfish and fish

ANSWERS: 64. domoic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cat's _____ twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.
n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
2. The magnifying glass had a _____ shape, allowing for a better view of the specimen.
adj. having a surface or outline that curves outward, like the exterior of a ball; having a shape that bulges or curves outward
3. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
4. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
5. The morning sun _____ off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.
v. to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
6. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
7. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.
v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

ANSWERS: 1. whiskers, 2. convex, 3. unfolded, 4. centimeter, 5. refracted, 6. Algae, 7. hurtled

8. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
9. When performing lifesaving, the first step is to secure the _____.
n. the air passage from the nose and throat to the lungs; a designated route followed by airplanes flying from one airport to another
10. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
11. Her interests are _____ to mine.
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
12. The accident caused a cracked _____.
n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
13. The patient's injury left them _____ for weeks.
adj. unable to move or be moved, particularly due to injury, sickness, or mechanical defect
14. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
15. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 8. pinpoints, 9. airway, 10. foe, 11. akin, 12. rib, 13. immobile, 14. majestic, 15. ingest

16. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

17. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.

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

18. Seafood contaminated with _____ acid can cause illness in humans.

adj. related to or containing domoic acid, a toxic compound produced by some types of algae and found in certain shellfish and fish

19. The knee joint is supported by _____ which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.

n. a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

20. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

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21. The _____ mattress provided a comfortable night's sleep.

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22. The cat's _____ helps it sense objects in the dark.

n. a stiff hair or bristle, particularly the long hairs on the face of some mammals, such as cats or rodents, used for tactile sensing

23. She _____ the balloons for the party.

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

ANSWERS: 16. inhabit, 17. resourceful, 18. domoic, 19. cartilage, 20. mammal, 21. springy, 22. vibrissa, 23. inflated

24. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.

- v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

25. Many people enjoy grilled _____ as a delicious and healthy meal option.

- n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

26. Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess _____ on the skin's surface

- n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

27. The little penguin _____ awkwardly across the icy landscape.

- v.* to walk with short, unsteady steps, swaying from side to side; (noun) a rolling gait or awkward walk, often accompanied by the swaying of the body from side to side, as is typical of certain birds and aquatic animals

28. I don't particularly enjoy _____ on my pizza.

- n.* a small saltwater fish with a strong flavor, often used in cooking and as a pizza topping

29. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

30. Certain types of plastic become _____ when heated.

- adj.* flexible; easy to bend without breaking or cracking

ANSWERS: 24. stomped, 25. mackerel, 26. keratin, 27. waddled, 28. anchovy, 29. compressed, 30. pliable

31. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
32. _____ rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.
- n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

ANSWERS: 31. blindfold, 32. Teardrop