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Session 1: Word List

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

smite

v. to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction

synonym: hit, strike, batter

(1) **smite** enemies, (2) **smite** a blow

The hero was able to **smite** the monster with a single blow.

hesitant

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

synonym: indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

hypocrite

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

synonym: pretender, two-faced, insincere

(1) environmental **hypocrite**, (2) religious **hypocrite**

She accused her boss of being a **hypocrite** for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

snark

n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

synonym: criticism, sarcasm, irony

(1) media **snark**, (2) political **snark**

She couldn't resist adding a little **snark** to her online comment.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. environmental hy_____te
n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
2. uni_____ed bias
adj. not planned or meant
3. sma_____ne addict
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
4. environmental pe__l
n. serious and great danger or risk
5. co___l attention
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
6. sm___e a blow
v. to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
7. dance au_____on
n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
8. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 1. hypocrite, 2. unintended, 3. smartphone, 4. peril, 5. compel, 6. smite, 7. audition, 8. opportune, 9. neuroscience

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| 10. the pe__l of the sea | <i>n.</i> | serious and great danger or risk |
| 11. co__l a person to submission | <i>v.</i> | to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |
| 12. c__p my hands | <i>v.</i> | to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |
| 13. b__g about my knowledge | <i>v.</i> | to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior |
| 14. of__d his sensibilities | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed |
| 15. a drug ad__t | <i>n.</i> | a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 16. cr__e advice from others | <i>v.</i> | to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely |
| 17. media sn__k | <i>n.</i> | sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain |
| 18. a s__m battle | <i>n.</i> | something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 19. music au____on | <i>n.</i> | a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position |

ANSWERS: 10. peril, 11. compel, 12. clap, 13. brag, 14. offend, 15. addict, 16. crave, 17. snark, 18. sham, 19. audition

20. political sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
21. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
22. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
23. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
24. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
25. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
26. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
27. sm__e enemies *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
28. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
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ANSWERS: 20. snark, 21. sham, 22. unintended, 23. brag, 24. addict, 25. crave, 26. distracted, 27. smite, 28. tweet, 29. offend

30. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
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37. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
38. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 30. distracted, 31. hesitant, 32. opportune, 33. neuroscience, 34. hypocrite, 35. tweet, 36. hesitant, 37. clap, 38. smartphone

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She couldn't resist adding a little _____ to her online comment.
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14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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ANSWERS: 8. compel, 9. peril, 10. addicts, 11. hesitant, 12. hypocrite, 13. neuroscience, 14. opportune

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ANSWERS: 15. craves, 16. bragging, 17. clapped, 18. distracted, 19. audition