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Session 1: Word List

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

deviate

v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

synonym : stray, diverge, veer

(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan

It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

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.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

sill

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

synonym : windowsill, ledge, threshold

(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**

The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

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.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

ode

n. a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

synonym : poem, song, verse

(1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love

The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym : embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

synonym : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

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.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth
She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

allegiance

n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

synonym: loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**
The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote **intergenerational** ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer
He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym: pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile
His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

whine

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying

manner

synonym : complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather
The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

resuscitate

v. to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

synonym : reawaken, resurrect, rejuvenate

(1) **resuscitate** economy, (2) **resuscitate** the man drown

He experienced cardiac arrest but was **resuscitated** yesterday.

wale

n. a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

synonym : ridge, rib, welting

(1) **wale** pattern, (2) denim **wale** fabric

The tightly woven **wale** of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ov____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
2. corporate mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
3. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
4. dress re____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
5. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
6. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. overtake, 2. misfit, 3. empathy, 4. rehearsal, 5. sip, 6. pivot, 7. clap

8. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
9. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
10. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
12. an ep_____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
15. music re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
16. 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

ANSWERS: 8. grind, 9. sip, 10. industrious, 11. secondhand, 12. epitome, 13. opportune, 14. whine, 15. rehearsal, 16. dedicate

17. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
18. int_____nal conflict *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
19. w__e pattern *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
20. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
21. cos_____tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
22. wh__e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
23. an o_e to love *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
24. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
25. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
26. denim w__e fabric *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

ANSWERS: 17. psyche, 18. intergenerational, 19. wale, 20. psyche, 21. cosmopolitan, 22. whine, 23. ode, 24. exaggerate, 25. urgently, 26. wale

27. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
28. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
29. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
30. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
31. nature o_e *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
32. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
33. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
34. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. de_____e from the plan *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
36. promote int_____nal ties *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
37. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 27. grind, 28. exaggerate, 29. wan, 30. empathy, 31. ode, 32. secondhand, 33. epitome, 34. opportune, 35. deviate, 36. intergenerational, 37. overtake

38. show all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
39. me____r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
40. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
41. s__l plate *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
42. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
43. de_____e from the norm *v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
44. social mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
45. window s__l *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
46. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

ANSWERS: 38. allegiance, 39. meager, 40. industrious, 41. sill, 42. clap, 43. deviate, 44. misfit, 45. sill, 46. slang

47. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
48. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
49. res_____te economy *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
50. res_____te the man drown *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
51. cos_____tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
52. loyal all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
53. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
54. 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
55. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
56. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

ANSWERS: 47. pivot, 48. meager, 49. resuscitate, 50. resuscitate, 51. cosmopolitan, 52. allegiance, 53. urgently, 54. dedicate, 55. wan, 56. slang

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
 - n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

3. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.
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4. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
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ANSWERS: 1. dedicated, 2. slang, 3. epitome, 4. Empathy, 5. intergenerational, 6. wale, 7. pivot

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