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Session 1: Word List

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym : baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

disobedient

adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms

synonym : insubordinate, unruly, defiant

(1) **disobedient** attitude, (2) **disobedient** dog

The **disobedient** child refused to clean up after themselves despite constant requests from their parents.

pillage

n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

synonym: looting, plunder, raid

(1) violent **pillage**, (2) **pillage** gold and other treasures

The army's village **pillage** left the residents without food or shelter.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

unreported

adj. not told to someone in authority or the public

synonym: unlisted, private, confidential

(1) **unreported** results, (2) **unreported** earnings

In this country, there is a substantial hidden sector of the economy where private cash transactions go **unreported**.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our

employees.

undetected

adj. not perceived or discovered

synonym: undiscovered, hidden, concealed

(1) **undetected** cancer, (2) leave the house **undetected**
Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained **undetected**.

aquaculture

n. the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes

synonym: fish farming, mariculture, hydroponics

(1) **aquaculture** industry, (2) sustainable **aquaculture**
Fish farming is a form of **aquaculture** that has recently gained popularity.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym: obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation
The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment
Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

contravene

v. to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations

synonym: breach, violate, transgress

(1) **contravene** the protocol, (2) **contravene** the rules
The company's decision to **contravene** safety regulations put its employees at risk.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment

imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

armada

n. a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things

synonym: fleet, flotilla, squadron

(1) naval **armada**, (2) **armada** ships

The Spanish **Armada** was a powerful fleet of ships that attempted to invade England in 1588.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym: unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

capsize

v. to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

synonym: overturn, overturning, tipping

(1) **capsize** a boat, (2) **capsize** in the middle of the storm

The strong wind caused the kayak to **capsize**, throwing the paddler into the water.

ashore

adv. on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water

synonym : on the beach, on the shore

(1) bring **ashore**, (2) go **ashore** after sunset

The ship finally came **ashore** after a long voyage.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

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.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

oceanic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

synonym : marine, pelagic, sea

(1) **oceanic** climate, (2) **oceanic** exploration

The **oceanic** waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

inexhaustible

adj. incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

synonym : infinite, exhaustless, limitless

(1) **inexhaustible** optimism, (2) **inexhaustible** curiosity

Solar power is an example of an **inexhaustible** source of energy.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

Session 2: Spelling

1. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
2. con_____ne the protocol *v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
3. up____d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
4. ca_____e in the middle of the storm *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
5. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. a co_____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
7. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
8. unr_____ed results *adj.* not told to someone in authority or the public

ANSWERS: 1. audacious, 2. contravene, 3. uphold, 4. capsizes, 5. rev, 6. colossal, 7. rev, 8. unreported

9. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
10. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
11. con_____ne the rules *v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
12. ca_____e a boat *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
13. unr_____ed earnings *adj.* not told to someone in authority or the public
14. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
15. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
16. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
17. naval ar____a *n.* a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things
18. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 9. illuminate, 10. skew, 11. contravene, 12. capsize, 13. unreported, 14. fingertip, 15. illuminate, 16. colossal, 17. armada, 18. well-being

19. violent pi_____e *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
20. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
21. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
22. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger
23. co___l a person to submission *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
24. und_____ed cancer *adj.* not perceived or discovered
25. oc_____c exploration *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
26. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
27. 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
28. ar___a ships *n.* a large fleet of warships or other vessels, typically organized for a specific military purpose and often under the command of a single admiral; a large group of powerful or influential people or things

ANSWERS: 19. pillage, 20. firsthand, 21. pristine, 22. fingertip, 23. compel, 24. undetected, 25. oceanic, 26. outlaw, 27. compel, 28. armada

29. pi____e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
30. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
31. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
32. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
33. aqu____re industry *n.* the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
34. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
35. ine____ble curiosity *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
36. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
37. human activities int____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 29. pillage, 30. rogue, 31. starve, 32. pristine, 33. aquaculture, 34. uphold, 35. inexhaustible, 36. outlaw, 37. interconnect

38. sustainable aqu_____re
n. the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
39. int_____le pain
adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
40. ro__e state
n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
41. ine_____ble optimism
adj. incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
42. st___e to death
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
43. bring as___e
adv. on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
44. leave the house und_____ed
adj. not perceived or discovered
45. dis_____nt attitude
adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
46. int_____le situation
adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
47. s__w the message
v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. aquaculture, 39. intractable, 40. rogue, 41. inexhaustible, 42. starve, 43. ashore, 44. undetected, 45. disobedient, 46. intractable, 47. skew

48. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
49. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
50. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
51. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
52. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
53. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
54. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
55. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

ANSWERS: 48. sanction, 49. well-being, 50. conservationist, 51. conservationist, 52. interconnect, 53. rickety, 54. sanction, 55. audacious

56. go as___e after sunset *adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
57. dis_____nt dog *adj.* refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
58. ri_____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
59. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
60. oc_____c climate *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

ANSWERS: 56. ashore, 57. disobedient, 58. rickety, 59. firsthand, 60. oceanic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
2. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
3. Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained _____.
adj. not perceived or discovered
4. The ship finally came _____ after a long voyage.
adv. on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
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ANSWERS: 23. skewed, 24. pillage, 25. fingertips, 26. firsthand, 27. starve, 28. disobedient, 29. conservationists

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v. to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 30. interconnect