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Session 1: Word List

idiosyncrasy

n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

synonym : peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity

(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**

His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

- introspective** *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
synonym : thoughtful, reflective, contemplative
(1) **introspective** thoughts, (2) **introspective** personality
His poetry was deeply **introspective**, exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.
- depress** *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate
(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices
The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.
- quitter** *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
synonym : coward, deserter, surrender
(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**
He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.
- zealous** *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
synonym : enthusiastic, passionate, fervent
(1) **zealous** supporter, (2) **zealous** advocate
The **zealous** employee always went above and beyond his job duties.
- flourish** *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
synonym : boom, advance, succeed
(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.
- 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.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample
The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills
The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

- nap** *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
synonym: rest, doze, drowse
(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**
She woke the kids up from their **nap**.
- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym: joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- frost** *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
synonym: freeze, ice, blight
(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line
The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.
- memoir** *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
synonym: bio, biography
(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**
He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.
- uplift** *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise
(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit
The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
- stumble** *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep
(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

everlasting

adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

synonym : perpetual, eternal, enduring

(1) **everlasting** love, (2) **everlasting** memories

The writer's words left an **everlasting** impact on his readers.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress;
(verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym : staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym : revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

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**.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym: agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

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.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

mulberry

n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree

(1) **mulberry** juice, (2) **mulberry** jam

The **mulberry** tree in my backyard produces delicious fruit every summer.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in___t a suspect
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
2. de_____ve practices
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
3. fl_____sh economically
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
4. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. witty p_n
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
6. mu_____ry jam
n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
7. in___t him of injuries
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
8. re_____s in skills
v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 1. indict, 2. deceptive, 3. flourish, 4. opportune, 5. pun, 6. mulberry, 7. indict, 8. regress

9. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
10. eve_____ng love *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
11. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
12. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
13. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
14. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
15. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
16. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
17. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
18. re_____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
19. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
20. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 9. grandparent, 10. everlasting, 11. grandparent, 12. handwriting, 13. devastate, 14. memoir, 15. nap, 16. memorize, 17. intimacy, 18. rekindle, 19. canoe, 20. unequal

21. int_____ive personality *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
22. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
23. economic to_____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
24. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
25. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
26. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
27. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
28. ze_____s supporter *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
29. re_____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
30. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 21. introspective, 22. unequal, 23. torment, 24. segregate, 25. diminish, 26. exaggerate, 27. outgrow, 28. zealous, 29. rekindle, 30. regress

31. cultural idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
32. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
33. int_____ive thoughts *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
34. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
35. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
36. ze_____s advocate *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
37. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
38. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
39. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

ANSWERS: 31. idiosyncrasy, 32. canoe, 33. introspective, 34. devastate, 35. excruciating, 36. zealous, 37. excruciating, 38. quitter, 39. intricate

40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
42. ou_____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
43. st_____ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
44. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
45. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
46. up____t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
47. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
48. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
49. 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

ANSWERS: 40. opportune, 41. depress, 42. outgrow, 43. stairway, 44. intricate, 45. handwriting, 46. uplift, 47. frost, 48. torment, 49. rev

50. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
51. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
52. mu_____ry juice *n.* a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
53. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
54. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
55. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
56. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
57. 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
58. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
59. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
60. eve_____ng memories *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

ANSWERS: 50. memorize, 51. stumble, 52. mulberry, 53. flourish, 54. segregate, 55. nap, 56. depress, 57. rev, 58. exaggerate, 59. diminish, 60. everlasting

61. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
62. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
63. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
64. narrow st____ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
65. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
66. appearances are de____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
67. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
68. personal idi____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
69. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 61. shadowy, 62. pun, 63. stumble, 64. stairway, 65. quitter, 66. deceptive, 67. shadowy, 68. idiosyncrasy, 69. tote

70. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
71. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
72. publish a me___r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
73. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
74. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 70. intimacy, 71. uplift, 72. memoir, 73. frost, 74. tote

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
2. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.
adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together
3. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.
v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
4. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
5. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
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n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
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ANSWERS: 1. pun, 2. intricate, 3. outgrow, 4. grandparents, 5. exaggerated, 6. stairway, 7. frost

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9. His _____ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
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10. She _____ over the tree root.
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11. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
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12. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. rekindle, 9. idiosyncrasy, 10. stumbled, 11. memorize, 12. unequal, 13. diminish, 14. torment, 15. zealous

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n. a short sleep, especially during the day

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ANSWERS: 16. nap, 17. uplift, 18. flourished, 19. deceptive, 20. introspective, 21. depressed, 22. everlasting, 23. memoirs

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28. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?
- v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
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31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 24. quitter, 25. segregate, 26. regress, 27. intimacy, 28. tote, 29. canoe, 30. devastate, 31. opportune

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adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

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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

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n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree

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n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

ANSWERS: 32. shadowy, 33. rev, 34. excruciating, 35. indict, 36. mulberry, 37. handwriting