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Session 1: Word List

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

puke

v. to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred

synonym : vomit, hurl, upchuck

(1) **puke** my guts, (2) **puke** in the toilet

The smell of rotting food made him **puke** in disgust.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before

administering the medication.

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.

satchel

n. a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop

synonym: bag, knapsack, backpack

(1) **satchel** bag, (2) brown **satchel**

I packed my books in my school **satchel** and headed to class.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym: escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

unwilling

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

synonym: disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

furnace

n. an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures

synonym: incinerator

(1) electrical **furnace**, (2) gas-fired **furnace**

In the **furnace**, the metal gleamed with radiance.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym: ladylove, paramour, paramour

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**
She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

oath

n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

synonym: pledge, vow, promise

(1) **oath** of allegiance, (2) promise an **oath**

He took an **oath** to uphold the law as a police officer.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

synonym : argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym : artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

pantaloon

n. a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte,

usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat

(1) striped **pantaloons**, (2) vintage **pantaloons**

The actor wore a colorful **pantaloons** costume during the play.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

pouch

n. a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body

synonym: bag, sack, pocket

(1) paper **pouch**, (2) kangaroo **pouch**

My wallet wasn't big enough, so I kept my coins in a small **pouch**.

hose

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

synonym: tube, pipe, conduit

(1) garden **hose**, (2) **hose** bumper

The firefighter grabbed the **hose** and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

shank

n. the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to

grip, hold, or apply pressure

synonym : leg, stem, shaft

(1) **shank** steak, (2) golf **shank**

The **shank** of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

treble

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

synonym : soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym : limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

Session 2: Spelling

1. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
2. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
3. p__e in the toilet *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred
4. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
5. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
6. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
7. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 1. bubble, 2. spectacle, 3. puke, 4. snail, 5. shift, 6. reputation, 7. whistle

8. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
9. vanish into ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
10. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
11. sa____l bag *n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop
12. drunken ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
13. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
14. o__h of allegiance *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

ANSWERS: 8. shift, 9. oblivion, 10. modern, 11. satchel, 12. oblivion, 13. belly, 14. oath

15. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
16. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
17. in an un_____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
18. gas-fired fu_____e *n.* an enclosed chamber for heating metal or glass to very high temperatures
19. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
20. striped pa_____on *n.* a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat
21. p__e my guts *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred
22. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
23. ey_____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
24. a mi_____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

ANSWERS: 15. bubble, 16. creep, 17. unwilling, 18. furnace, 19. creep, 20. pantaloons, 21. puke, 22. spectacle, 23. eyebrow, 24. mistress

25. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
26. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
27. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
28. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
29. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
30. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
31. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
32. let out a s__h *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
33. snow le____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

ANSWERS: 25. nurse, 26. beard, 27. belly, 28. mad, 29. severe, 30. woe, 31. severe, 32. sigh, 33. leopard

34. 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
35. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
36. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
37. ca___n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
38. garden h__e *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
39. 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
40. heated qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
41. tr___e clef *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
42. vintage pa_____on *n.* a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat

ANSWERS: 34. whine, 35. mere, 36. woe, 37. cannon, 38. hose, 39. whine, 40. quarrel, 41. treble, 42. pantaloons

43. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
44. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
45. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
46. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
47. paper po__h *n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body
48. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
49. brown sa_____l *n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop
50. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
51. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

ANSWERS: 43. lean, 44. infant, 45. mistress, 46. modern, 47. pouch, 48. lean, 49. satchel, 50. honor, 51. nurse

52. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
53. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
54. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
55. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
56. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
57. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
58. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
59. golf sh__k *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
60. tr___e booster *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
61. Irish ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

ANSWERS: 52. snail, 53. shrink, 54. eyebrow, 55. jealousy, 56. mad, 57. instance, 58. honor, 59. shank, 60. treble, 61. ballad

62. promise an o__h *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
63. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
64. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
65. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
66. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
67. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
68. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
69. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

ANSWERS: 62. oath, 63. reputation, 64. whistle, 65. instance, 66. sigh, 67. shrink, 68. unwilling, 69. ballad

70. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
71. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
72. sh__k steak *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
73. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
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77. h__e bumper *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
78. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
79. ca____n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
80. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 70. infant, 71. mere, 72. shank, 73. leopard, 74. furnace, 75. quarrel, 76. pouch, 77. hose, 78. jealousy, 79. cannon, 80. beard

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
2. They were _____ to take any risks.
adj. not ready or wanting to do something
3. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
4. The smell of rotting food made him _____ in disgust.
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8. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
n. a baby or very young child
9. The soprano singer hit a piercing _____ note during the performance.
n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
10. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.
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n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
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ANSWERS: 8. infant, 9. treble, 10. oblivion, 11. pouch, 12. Leopards, 13. reputation, 14. sighed

15. The actor wore a colorful _____ costume during the play.
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- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 15. pantaloons, 16. eyebrow, 17. severe, 18. shrink, 19. shank, 20. whistle-blow, 21. oath, 22. instances

23. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.

- n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

24. He lost the election by _____ votes.

- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

25. He was _____ with joy to see the results.

- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

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- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
32. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
33. The heavy _____ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
34. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
35. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
36. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
- n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
37. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
38. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.
- n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 31. spectacle, 32. belly, 33. cannon, 34. creeps, 35. modern, 36. snail, 37. jealousy, 38. woes

39. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

40. The firefighter grabbed the _____ and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

ANSWERS: 39. beard, 40. hose