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Session 1: Word List

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign
Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**
He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger
The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

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**.

embody *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

licit *adj.* legal; lawful; conforming to the laws and regulations of a particular place or jurisdiction

synonym : legal, permissible, allowed

(1) **licit** drugs, (2) **licit** business
The company only hires employees with a **licit** work permit to avoid legal issues.

caddy *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

synonym : container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon
The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

vow *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

overeducated

adj. having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position

synonym : overqualified, hypereducated, excessively educated

(1) **overeducated** worker, (2) **overeducated** job applicant

Despite his impressive academic achievements, some people thought he was **overeducated** and lacked practical experience.

noncommittal

adj. not expressing or revealing any commitment, opinion, or preference; evasive

synonym : evasive, noncommittal, reserved

(1) remain **noncommittal**, (2) **noncommittal** statement

The CEO's response to the merger proposal was **noncommittal**, which made investors anxious.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

avocado

n. a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

synonym: alligator pear, butter pear, midshipman's butter

(1) **avocado** toast, (2) **avocado** smoothie

I love adding **avocado** to my salads for that extra creaminess.

monolith

n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

synonym: monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym: panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

overdue

adj. past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed

synonym : late, delinquent, outstanding

(1) **overdue** bill, (2) **overdue** task

Her library books were **overdue**, so she had to pay a fine to check out more.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym : average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym: notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pro_____ce in society | <i>n.</i> the state of being important, easily seen, or well known |
| 2. pa_____r habitat | <i>n.</i> a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia |
| 3. non_____tal statement | <i>adj.</i> not expressing or revealing any commitment, opinion, or preference; evasive |
| 4. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. he____d a new era | <i>v.</i> to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare |
| 6. li__t business | <i>adj.</i> legal; lawful; conforming to the laws and regulations of a particular place or jurisdiction |
| 7. het_____ual marriage | <i>adj.</i> attracted to individuals of the opposite sex |
| 8. inc_____te her for life | <i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 9. av_____o toast | <i>n.</i> a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole |

ANSWERS: 1. prominence, 2. panther, 3. noncommittal, 4. rev, 5. herald, 6. licit, 7. heterosexual, 8. incarcerate, 9. avocado

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| 10. a large sw__h of territory | <i>n.</i> a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something |
| 11. a sw__h of green grass | <i>n.</i> a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something |
| 12. the cr____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 13. su_____ze the cost | <i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially |
| 14. sw__l the wine | <i>v.</i> to move in a circular or spiral pattern |
| 15. pi___e barrel | <i>n.</i> vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation |
| 16. metal mo_____th | <i>n.</i> a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance |
| 17. pi___e a cucumber | <i>n.</i> vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation |
| 18. political op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |

ANSWERS: 10. swath, 11. swath, 12. creditor, 13. subsidize, 14. swirl, 15. pickle, 16. monolith, 17. pickle, 18. optimism

19. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
20. av_____o smoothie *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
21. ove_____ted job applicant *adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
22. sp_____ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
23. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
24. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
25. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
27. golf ca__y *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
28. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
29. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 19. batter, 20. avocado, 21. overeducated, 22. spearhead, 23. vow, 24. narcissist, 25. confuse, 26. entitle, 27. caddy, 28. subsidize, 29. sneak

30. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
31. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
32. sw___l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
33. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
34. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
35. me_____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
36. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
37. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
38. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
39. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 30. marvel, 31. stereotype, 32. swirl, 33. greedy, 34. greedy, 35. mediocre, 36. arrogant, 37. stereotype, 38. unconventional, 39. broaden

40. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
41. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
42. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
43. remain non_____tal *adj.* not expressing or revealing any commitment, opinion, or preference; evasive
44. racial seg_____on *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
45. he___d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
46. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
47. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
48. a me_____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
49. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 40. marvel, 41. optimism, 42. nuanced, 43. noncommittal, 44. segregation, 45. herald, 46. embody, 47. untold, 48. mediocre, 49. entitle

60. li__t drugs *adj.* legal; lawful; conforming to the laws and regulations of a particular place or jurisdiction
61. sp_____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
62. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
63. earn pro_____ce *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
64. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
65. seg_____on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
66. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
67. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
68. ov_____e bill *adj.* past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed

ANSWERS: 60. licit, 61. spearhead, 62. millennial, 63. prominence, 64. sneak, 65. segregation, 66. revelry, 67. vow, 68. overdue

69. re____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
70. ca__y spoon *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
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ANSWERS: 69. revelry, 70. caddy, 71. creditor, 72. overdue, 73. misunderstand, 74. narcissist, 75. confuse, 76. panther, 77. broaden, 78. heterosexual, 79. overeducated

80. the mil_____al reign

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ANSWERS: 80. millennial

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
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23. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 16. heralded, 17. broadened, 18. vowed, 19. embody, 20. pickle, 21. overdue, 22. entitled, 23. creditor

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ANSWERS: 24. heterosexual, 25. stereotypes, 26. revelry, 27. narcissist, 28. swirled, 29. avocado, 30. panther's

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ANSWERS: 39. confused, 40. millennial-scale