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Session 1: Word List

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

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.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**
The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

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.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

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.

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.

resign

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

synonym: quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

godchild

n. a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends

synonym: godson, goddaughter

(1) **godchild's** christening, (2) baptized **godchild**

I feel honored that they asked me to be their daughter's **godchild**.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

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**.

drone *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

underestimate *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

nudge *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym : bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

medicinal *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

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.

schooler

n. a student who attends a school

synonym: student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform

He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym: untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

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.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym : aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

veto

n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

synonym : rejection, disapproval, interdict

(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**

The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

impasse

n. a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached

synonym : deadlock, standstill, stalemate

(1) an **impasse** in talks, (2) economic **impasse**

The negotiations had reached an **impasse**, with neither party willing to compromise further.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

neuroplasticity

n. the ability of the brain to change and reorganize itself in response to new experiences, learning, or injury, by creating new neural connections and pathways

synonym: brain plasticity, neural remodeling, synaptic plasticity

(1) **neuroplasticity** therapy, (2) experience-dependent **neuroplasticity**

Researchers are currently studying the potential of **neuroplasticity** to treat conditions such as depression and anxiety.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

squarely

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

synonym: honestly, justly, straightforwardly

(1) look **squarely** at reality, (2) a **squarely** cut piece of paper

We must **squarely** address the problem.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. nu__e price levels up | v. | to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior |
| 2. me____ze musical scores | v. | to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly |
| 3. experience-dependent
neu_____ity | n. | the ability of the brain to change and reorganize itself in response to new experiences, learning, or injury, by creating new neural connections and pathways |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. su_____te to death | v. | to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression |
| 6. economic im_____e | n. | a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached |

ANSWERS: 1. nudge, 2. memorize, 3. neuroplasticity, 4. rev, 5. suffocate, 6. impasse

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| 7. re____t an old friend | <i>v.</i> to go to a place again, especially after a long period |
| 8. bu__y the weak | <i>n.</i> a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful |
| 9. re___n soul | <i>adj.</i> brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature |
| 10. sc_____er uniform | <i>n.</i> a student who attends a school |
| 11. the threats te_____y him | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much |
| 12. un__e shoelaces | <i>v.</i> to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound |
| 13. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 14. 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 |
| 15. pe__y crime | <i>adj.</i> of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters |
| 16. great-gra_____nt | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 17. ca_____al tribe | <i>n.</i> a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice |

ANSWERS: 7. revisit, 8. bully, 9. reborn, 10. schooler, 11. terrify, 12. untie, 13. industrious, 14. rev, 15. petty, 16. grandparent, 17. cannibal

18. un__e the ribbon *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
19. neu_____ity therapy *n.* the ability of the brain to change and reorganize itself in response to new experiences, learning, or injury, by creating new neural connections and pathways
20. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
21. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
22. a sq_____ly cut piece of paper *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
23. im___t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
24. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
25. habitual ca_____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
26. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
27. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 18. untie, 19. neuroplasticity, 20. elusive, 21. fathom, 22. squarely, 23. impart, 24. drone, 25. cannibal, 26. terrify, 27. drone

28. 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
29. fa____m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
30. go_____ld's christening *n.* a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends
31. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
32. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
33. look sq_____ly at reality *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
34. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
35. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
36. im____t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
37. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
38. pr_____nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

ANSWERS: 28. stereotype, 29. fathom, 30. godchild, 31. aspire, 32. stumble, 33. squarely, 34. unsettle, 35. unsettle, 36. impart, 37. stumble, 38. prescient

39. re___n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
40. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
41. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
42. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
44. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
45. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
46. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
47. re___n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
48. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
49. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
50. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 39. reborn, 40. chop, 41. adversity, 42. industrious, 43. underestimate, 44. aspire, 45. storytelling, 46. nudge, 47. resign, 48. memorize, 49. constrain, 50. medicinal

51. baptized go_____ld *n.* a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends
52. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
53. re____n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
54. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
55. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
56. di____l baseless rumors *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
57. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
58. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
59. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 51. godchild, 52. calibrate, 53. resign, 54. creditor, 55. storytelling, 56. dispel, 57. revisit, 58. petty, 59. suffocate

60. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
61. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
62. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
63. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
64. a primary sc_____er *n.* a student who attends a school
65. di___l a painful feeling *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
66. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
67. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
68. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
69. bu___y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
70. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

ANSWERS: 60. calibrate, 61. medicinal, 62. constrain, 63. underestimate, 64. schooler, 65. dispel, 66. wrench, 67. adversity, 68. creditor, 69. bully, 70. elusive

71. legislative v__o *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
72. v__o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
73. an im_____e in talks *n.* a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached
74. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
75. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
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77. 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
78. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 71. veto, 72. veto, 73. impasse, 74. wrench, 75. chop, 76. prescient, 77. stereotype, 78. grandparent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

2. We must _____ address the problem.
adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

3. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

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v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

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ANSWERS: 1. terrify, 2. squarely, 3. memorize, 4. calibrate, 5. rev, 6. cannibals, 7. impart, 8. constrained

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ANSWERS: 17. veto, 18. untie, 19. schooler, 20. reborn, 21. stumbled, 22. petty, 23. industrious, 24. neuroplasticity

25. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
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ANSWERS: 25. suffocate, 26. fathom, 27. storytelling, 28. elusive, 29. prescient, 30. unsettle, 31. aspired, 32. creditor

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ANSWERS: 33. medicinal, 34. godchild, 35. stereotypes, 36. adversity, 37. resign, 38. nudged, 39. wrenched

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