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Session 1: Word List

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

huggy

adj. showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way

synonym : affectionate, cuddly, loving

(1) **huggy** teddy bear, (2) **huggy** mood

He's not a very **huggy**, so it surprised me when he reached out for a hug.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym : reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

overpopulation

n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment

synonym : population explosion, demographic burden, overcrowding

(1) **overpopulation** problem, (2) **overpopulation** crisis

Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human **overpopulation** and habitat destruction.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym : waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

ginormous

adj. (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large

synonym : huge, gigantic, mammoth

(1) **ginormous** elephant, (2) **ginormous** skyscraper

The construction site was filled with **ginormous** pieces of heavy machinery.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym : shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym : tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym : course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

rousing

adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

synonym : exciting, stirring, invigorating

(1) **rousing** music, (2) **rousing** business

The **rousing** speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

aphrodisiac

n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

synonym : love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**

Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

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.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

karma

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

synonym: destiny, fate, providence

(1) bad **karma**, (2) **karma** yoga

Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive **karma** that will benefit you in the future.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

motherland

n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

synonym : homeland, fatherland, native land

(1) **motherland** defenders, (2) songs of **motherland**
He always spoke proudly of his **motherland** during the war.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry
synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

natal

adj. relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

synonym : birth, nativity, born

(1) **natal** chart, (2) **natal** clinic

The mother-to-be attended **natal** classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

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.

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.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

decency

n. behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

synonym: morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with

respect and kindness.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. asylum for or ___n children | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 2. do___o chain | <i>n.</i> a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events |
| 3. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 4. ka__a yoga | <i>n.</i> a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances |
| 5. ap_____d the orchestra | <i>v.</i> to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands |
| 6. a di_____or with enormous powers | <i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 7. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 8. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 9. g__p in shock | <i>v.</i> to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise |

ANSWERS: 1. orphan, 2. domino, 3. footprint, 4. karma, 5. applaud, 6. dictator, 7. footprint, 8. opportune, 9. gasp

10. bad ka__a *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
11. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
12. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
13. h__k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
14. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
15. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
16. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
17. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
18. an offense against de_____y *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
19. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
20. hu__y mood *adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way

ANSWERS: 10. karma, 11. skeptical, 12. replenish, 13. husk, 14. profoundly, 15. terrify, 16. drown, 17. congratulation, 18. decency, 19. sham, 20. huggy

41. powerful aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
42. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
43. ro_____g business *adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
44. na__l chart *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
45. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
46. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
47. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
48. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
49. hu__y teddy bear *adj.* showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way
50. de_____y standards *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

ANSWERS: 41. aphrodisiac, 42. subsidize, 43. rousing, 44. natal, 45. halve, 46. profoundly, 47. dictator, 48. gasp, 49. huggy, 50. decency

51. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
52. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
53. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
54. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
55. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
56. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
57. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
58. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
59. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
60. herbal aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
61. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
62. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 51. unstoppable, 52. discotheque, 53. applaud, 54. pronounce, 55. generosity, 56. halve, 57. subsidize, 58. congratulation, 59. unstoppable, 60. aphrodisiac, 61. industrialize, 62. generosity

63. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
65. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
66. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
67. gi_____us elephant *adj.* (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large
68. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
69. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

ANSWERS: 63. opportune, 64. tack, 65. domino, 66. odyssey, 67. ginormous, 68. sham, 69. odyssey

70. a sk_____al attitude

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 70. skeptical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He's not a very _____ so it surprised me when he reached out for a hug.
adj. showing a strong inclination to hug or embrace others, either for comfort or affection, often used in a playful or affectionate way
2. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry
3. The _____ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.
n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
4. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
5. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
6. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.
n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
7. Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human _____ and habitat destruction.
n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment

ANSWERS: 1. huggy, 2. industrialize, 3. husk, 4. subsidize, 5. generosity, 6. dominoes, 7. overpopulation

8. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
9. Two birds were _____ overhead.
v. to stay in one place in the air
10. He always spoke proudly of his _____ during the war.
n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
11. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
12. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
13. The mother-to-be attended _____ classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.
adj. relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
14. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.
n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
15. I need to _____ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

ANSWERS: 8. sham, 9. hovering, 10. motherland, 11. applaud, 12. skeptical, 13. natal, 14. tack, 15. halve

16. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

17. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

18. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

19. Oysters are believed to be a natural _____ encouraging sexual desire.

n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

20. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

21. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

22. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

23. The team's winning streak was _____.

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 16. opportune, 17. profoundly, 18. replenish, 19. aphrodisiac, 20. gasped, 21. odyssey, 22. drown, 23. unstoppable

24. The _____ speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.
adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
25. Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive _____ that will benefit you in the future.
n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
26. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
27. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
28. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
29. The construction site was filled with _____ pieces of heavy machinery.
adj. (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large
30. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
31. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

ANSWERS: 24. rousing, 25. karma, 26. discotheque, 27. incentivize, 28. terrify, 29. ginormous, 30. dictator, 31. footprint

32. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
33. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
- n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
34. He always tried to act with _____ treating others with respect and kindness.
- n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
35. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 32. congratulations, 33. orphan, 34. decency, 35. pronounce