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Session 1: Word List

- yell** v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- sill** n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
synonym: windowsill, ledge, threshold
(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**
The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.
- lockdown** n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area
The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.
- lash** v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

outburst

n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

synonym : outcry, eruption, explosion

(1) **outburst** of applause, (2) violent **outburst**

My boss's sudden **outburst** shocked and scared me.

fidget

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

synonym : fiddle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **fidget** with hands, (2) **fidget** on my lap

He **fidgeted** with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

elliptical

adj. having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself

synonym : oval, egg-shaped, oblong

(1) an **elliptical** motion, (2) an **elliptical** galaxies

The satellite's **elliptical** orbit made it appear to change its

distance from earth.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym: deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____us virus
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
2. fi___t with hands
v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
3. s__l plate
n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
4. re_____e resource allocation
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
5. con_____us enthusiasm
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
6. violent ou_____st
n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
7. a little i_p
n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
8. whi_____rd animation
n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
9. an ell_____al motion
adj. having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself

ANSWERS: 1. contagious, 2. fidget, 3. sill, 4. reframe, 5. contagious, 6. outburst, 7. imp, 8. whiteboard, 9. elliptical

10. l__h the oxen *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
11. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
12. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
13. window s__l *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
14. whi____rd marker *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
15. the wel____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
16. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
17. go on lo____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
18. an ell____al galaxies *adj.* having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself

ANSWERS: 10. lash, 11. chaotic, 12. yell, 13. sill, 14. whiteboard, 15. well-being, 16. lash, 17. lockdown, 18. elliptical

19. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
20. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
21. ex__l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
22. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
23. fi___t on my lap *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
24. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
25. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
26. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
27. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
28. ou_____st of applause *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

ANSWERS: 19. barb, 20. well-being, 21. expel, 22. chaotic, 23. fidget, 24. disrupt, 25. imp, 26. lockdown, 27. expel, 28. outburst

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

2. My boss's sudden _____ shocked and scared me.
n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

3. The mother _____ out at her child for misbehaving in public.
v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

4. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

5. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly _____ the smoke.
v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

6. Let's brainstorm ideas on the _____ for the new project.
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7. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

8. He _____ with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.
v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

ANSWERS: 1. imp, 2. outburst, 3. lashed, 4. chaotic, 5. expelled, 6. whiteboard, 7. well-being, 8. fidgeted

9. The satellite's _____ orbit made it appear to change its distance from earth.

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v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

13. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.

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14. The door _____ was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

15. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 9. elliptical, 10. contagious, 11. barbs, 12. reframe, 13. lockdown, 14. sill, 15. yelled

16. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 16. disrupt