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Session 1: Word List

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

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.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

tomboy

n. a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing

synonym: ladette, hoyden

(1) **tomboy** outfit, (2) **tomboy** personality

The character in the book was a spunky **tomboy** who refused to conform to gender expectations.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym: dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

tetanus

n. an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms

synonym: lockjaw

(1) **tetanus** bacteria, (2) **tetanus** symptoms

He had to get a **tetanus** shot after stepping on a rusty nail.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

bloated

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

synonym: swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

espy

v. to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret

synonym : spot, detect, catch sight of

(1) **espy** a small insect, (2) **espy** a person coming
I managed to **espy** the rare bird from behind the bushes.

scut

n. the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued

synonym: short tail, stump, dock

(1) the **scut** dance of the rabbits, (2) **scut** labor

The hunter spotted the deer **scut**, indicating that the animal was nearby.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. deep ps___e | <i>n.</i> the human soul, mind, or spirit |
| 2. oil bil_____re | <i>n.</i> a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars |
| 3. Silicon Valley bil_____re | <i>n.</i> a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars |
| 4. asp_____on into the lungs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 5. former con_____son | <i>n.</i> a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination) |
| 6. Al_____er's risk factors | <i>n.</i> a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults |
| 7. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 8. sta_____on wages | <i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 9. gr__d away at my work | <i>v.</i> to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time |
| 10. irr_____ble actions | <i>adj.</i> not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable |

ANSWERS: 1. psyche, 2. billionaire, 3. billionaire, 4. aspiration, 5. congressperson, 6. Alzheimer, 7. opportune, 8. starvation, 9. grind, 10. irresponsible

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| 11. ca__e a statue | v. | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 12. ca__e my name on the plate | v. | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 13. un____l opportunity | adj. | different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 14. to___y outfit | n. | a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing |
| 15. a car-wr___t | n. | a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal |
| 16. have a si____g quarrel | n. | a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 17. st___e to death | v. | to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 18. e__y a person coming | v. | to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret |
| 19. re___e a hero | v. | to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem |
| 20. the s__t dance of the rabbits | n. | the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued |

ANSWERS: 11. carve, 12. carve, 13. unequal, 14. tomboy, 15. wright, 16. sibling, 17. starve, 18. espy, 19. revere, 20. scut

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| 21. re___e a deity | <i>v.</i> | to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem |
| 22. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 23. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> | a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 24. te_____s symptoms | <i>n.</i> | an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms |
| 25. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> | a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 26. une_____ed society | <i>adj.</i> | lacking knowledge or education |
| 27. te_____s bacteria | <i>n.</i> | an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms |
| 28. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 29. un_____l distribution | <i>adj.</i> | different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 30. se_____te by race | <i>v.</i> | to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |
| 31. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |

ANSWERS: 21. revere, 22. grandchild, 23. aspiration, 24. tetanus, 25. sibling, 26. uneducated, 27. tetanus, 28. grandchild, 29. unequal, 30. segregate, 31. opportune

32. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
33. s__t labor *n.* the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued
34. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
35. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
36. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
37. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
38. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
39. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

ANSWERS: 32. malnutrition, 33. scut, 34. confession, 35. starve, 36. psyche, 37. mold, 38. rethink, 39. irresponsible

40. imm_____ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
41. bl_____d feeling *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
42. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
43. bl_____d budget *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
44. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
45. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
46. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
47. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 40. immunization, 41. bloated, 42. mold, 43. bloated, 44. starvation, 45. dime, 46. Alzheimer, 47. wright

48. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
49. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
50. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
51. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
52. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
53. childhood imm_____ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
54. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 48. migrant, 49. rethink, 50. migrant, 51. confession, 52. malnutrition, 53. immunization, 54. congressperson

55. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
56. e__y a small insect *v.* to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret
57. to___y personality *n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
58. une_____ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
59. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
60. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

ANSWERS: 55. grind, 56. espy, 57. tomboy, 58. uneducated, 59. segregate, 60. dime

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her stomach was visibly _____ after eating a large meal.
adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

2. The term of a _____ is two years.
n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

3. He had to get a _____ shot after stepping on a rusty nail.
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n. a child of someone's son or daughter

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ANSWERS: 16. tomboy, 17. opportune, 18. starve, 19. dime, 20. immunization, 21. siblings, 22. unequal, 23. rethink

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- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

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ANSWERS: 24. grind, 25. carved, 26. uneducated, 27. mold, 28. segregate, 29. irresponsible, 30. espy