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Session 1: Word List

afterthought

n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

synonym: reconsideration, second thought, reconsideration

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym: backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

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.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym: raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

wring

v. to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

synonym: squeeze, twist, compress

(1) **wring** out a towel, (2) **wring** a secret

I had to **wring** out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.

imbecile

adj. (considered as an offensive term) very foolish or stupid, lacking intelligence or mental capacity; showing extreme folly or stupidity; (noun) a person who is considered extremely foolish, mentally deficient, or lacking in intelligence

synonym: foolish, idiotic, unintelligent

(1) **imbecile** conduct, (2) treat him like an **imbecile**

The **imbecile** driver caused a major accident on the highway.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

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.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project

halfway.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym: bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

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.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote

intergenerational ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

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.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**
My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

changemaker

n. a person or organization that works to effect positive change in society or a specific field; someone who takes the initiative to create new solutions or transform existing systems for the betterment of people and communities

synonym: change agent, innovator, activist

(1) global **changemaker**, (2) emerging **changemaker**
The young activist was a true **changemaker**, working tirelessly to impact their community positively.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym: obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation
The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum
The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. traffic nu_____ce | <i>n.</i> something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person |
| 2. serial qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 3. global cha_____er | <i>n.</i> a person or organization that works to effect positive change in society or a specific field; someone who takes the initiative to create new solutions or transform existing systems for the betterment of people and communities |
| 4. family bre_____er | <i>n.</i> the member of a family who earns money to support the others |
| 5. ho__t the flags | <i>v.</i> to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment |
| 6. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 7. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 8. the mil_____al reign | <i>adj.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. nuisance, 2. quitter, 3. changemaker, 4. breadwinner, 5. hoist, 6. quo, 7. resilient, 8. millennial

9. emerging cha_____er *n.* a person or organization that works to effect positive change in society or a specific field; someone who takes the initiative to create new solutions or transform existing systems for the betterment of people and communities
10. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
11. 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)
12. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
13. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
14. assume gru_____ly *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
15. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
16. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
17. aft_____ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 9. changemaker, 10. improvisation, 11. congressperson, 12. astronaut, 13. reshape, 14. grudgingly, 15. grandparent, 16. prioritize, 17. afterthought

18. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
19. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
20. ho__t the anchor *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
21. treat him like an im____le *adj.* (considered as an offensive term) very foolish or stupid, lacking intelligence or mental capacity; showing extreme folly or stupidity; (noun) a person who is considered extremely foolish, mentally deficient, or lacking in intelligence
22. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
23. an aft_____ght decision *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
26. im____le conduct *adj.* (considered as an offensive term) very foolish or stupid, lacking intelligence or mental capacity; showing extreme folly or stupidity; (noun) a person who is considered extremely foolish, mentally deficient, or lacking in intelligence

ANSWERS: 18. quitter, 19. grandparent, 20. hoist, 21. imbecile, 22. ingenious, 23. afterthought, 24. opportune, 25. quo, 26. imbecile

27. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
28. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
29. promote int_____nal ties *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
30. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
31. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
32. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
33. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
34. gru_____ly apologize *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
35. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
36. nu_____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

ANSWERS: 27. unstoppable, 28. institutionalize, 29. intergenerational, 30. homophobia, 31. breadwinner, 32. coworker, 33. improvisation, 34. grudgingly, 35. reshape, 36. nuisance

37. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
38. re____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
39. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
40. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
41. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
43. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
44. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
45. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
46. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
47. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
48. int_____nal conflict *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
49. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another

ANSWERS: 37. horrify, 38. retrofit, 39. unstoppable, 40. disproportionately, 41. industrious, 42. distract, 43. ingenious, 44. resilient, 45. astronaut, 46. disproportionately, 47. unthinkable, 48. intergenerational, 49. intersect

50. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
51. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
52. wr__g out a towel *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
53. former 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)
54. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
55. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
56. 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
57. wr__g a secret *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
58. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 50. intractable, 51. distract, 52. wring, 53. congressperson, 54. prioritize, 55. unthinkable, 56. millennial, 57. wring, 58. industrious

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65. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
66. re_____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

ANSWERS: 59. institutionalize, 60. coworker, 61. horrify, 62. intractable, 63. intersect, 64. homophobia, 65. opportune, 66. retrofit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.
v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

2. The _____ problem defied a solution.
adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

3. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.
v. to meet or cross one another

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ANSWERS: 9. grudgingly, 10. millennial-scale, 11. changemaker, 12. imbecile, 13. quo, 14. intergenerational, 15. horrify

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