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Session 1: Word List

taunt

v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner

synonym: tease, ridicule, jeer

(1) **taunt** him with cowardice, (2) **taunt** the losing team

She **taunted** him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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.

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.

marginalize

v. to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence

synonym : exclude, isolate, sideline

(1) **marginalize** minorities, (2) **marginalize** dissenting voices

It's important not to **marginalize** certain groups of people based on their race, religion, or ethnicity.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym : discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

censure

n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

synonym: condemnation, criticism, disapproval

(1) **censure** him for his failure, (2) **censure** resolution

The athlete received a **censure** from her coaches for violating team rules.

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.

tantrum

n. an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays

synonym: outburst, fit, explosion

(1) throw a **tantrum**, (2) temper **tantrum**

The toddler had a **tantrum** and refused to take a nap.

reprimand

v. to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior

synonym: rebuke, admonition, scolding

(1) **reprimand** me for staying out too late, (2) official **reprimand**

The teacher **reprimanded** the student for cheating on the test.

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.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea,

or situation

synonym : embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

discontinue

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

synonym : halt, end, cease

(1) **discontinue** a service, (2) **discontinue** a project

The company has decided to **discontinue** the production of its unpopular product line.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym : hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

expulsion

n. the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently

synonym : ejection, banishment, exile

(1) **expulsion** of gas, (2) forceful **expulsion**

The ambassador's **expulsion** was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

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**.

truancy

n. the act of being absent from school without permission or a valid reason; the offense of failing to attend school without an excuse or valid reason

synonym: absence, hooky, wagging

(1) **truancy** rate, (2) **truancy** policy

Chronic **truancy** from school can result in academic struggles and decreased opportunities in the future.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym: thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched**

power.

Session 2: Spelling

1. intricate ta_____ry design
n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
2. official re_____nd
v. to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior
3. tr_____y policy
n. the act of being absent from school without permission or a valid reason; the offense of failing to attend school without an excuse or valid reason
4. full of em_____y
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
5. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
7. nu_____e love
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 1. tapestry, 2. reprimand, 3. truancy, 4. empathy, 5. opportune, 6. neuroscience, 7. nurture

8. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
9. temper ta_____m *n.* an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays
10. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
11. colorful ta_____ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
12. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
13. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
14. dis_____ue a project *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
15. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
16. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 8. hairstyle, 9. tantrum, 10. entrenched, 11. tapestry, 12. intern, 13. pun, 14. discontinue, 15. pun, 16. improvisation

17. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
18. mar_____ze minorities *v.* to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence
19. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
20. ta__t him with cowardice *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
21. 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
22. ex_____on of gas *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
23. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. 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
25. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 17. intellect, 18. marginalize, 19. nurture, 20. taunt, 21. disrupt, 22. expulsion, 23. improvisation, 24. disproportionately, 25. well-being

26. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
27. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
28. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
29. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
30. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
31. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
32. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
33. ta__t the losing team *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
34. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
35. exc_____ary clause *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
36. 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

ANSWERS: 26. entrenched, 27. hairstyle, 28. thigh, 29. neuroscience, 30. disparity, 31. thigh, 32. disrupt, 33. taunt, 34. empathy, 35. exclusionary, 36. disproportionately

37. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
38. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
40. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
41. mar_____ze dissenting voices *v.* to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence
42. throw a ta_____m *n.* an outburst of anger or frustration, typically characterized by yelling, crying, or other emotional displays
43. ce_____e him for his failure *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
44. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 37. grapple, 38. opportune, 39. intern, 40. discotheque, 41. marginalize, 42. tantrum, 43. censure, 44. well-being

45. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
46. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
47. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
48. forceful ex_____on *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
49. tr_____y rate *n.* the act of being absent from school without permission or a valid reason; the offense of failing to attend school without an excuse or valid reason
50. re_____nd me for staying out too late *v.* to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior
51. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
52. ce_____e resolution *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
53. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

ANSWERS: 45. grapple, 46. insurmountable, 47. discotheque, 48. expulsion, 49. truancy, 50. reprimand, 51. insurmountable, 52. censure, 53. exclusionary

54. human in_____ct

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

55. income di_____ty

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

56. dis_____ue a service

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

ANSWERS: 54. intellect, 55. disparity, 56. discontinue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

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7. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 1. discotheque, 2. interned, 3. tapestry, 4. intellect, 5. tantrum, 6. reprimanded, 7. improvisation

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

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ANSWERS: 16. nurture, 17. expulsion, 18. neuroscience, 19. pun, 20. Empathy, 21. thigh, 22. truancy

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ANSWERS: 23. discontinue, 24. opportune, 25. exclusionary, 26. disparity, 27. marginalize, 28. disproportionately