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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

alley

 a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

synonym: lane, passage, pathway

(1) back alley, (2) alley cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

nurse

 a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

advance

- v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way synonym: progress, boost, come along
- (1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

dementia

a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

disease

 a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

politician

 a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

brain

 the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

basic brain function, (2) permanent brain damage
 rays revealed a small tumor in his brain.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality Her remarks **confused** the debate.

confusion

 the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) anxious about his health, (2) an anxious lookHe cast anxious glances behind her.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed** After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

tradition

 a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition** It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment** Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

paramedic

a healthcare professional who is trained to provide emergency medical care to patients in the pre-hospital setting, often in ambulances or other emergency vehicles

synonym: emergency medical technician, ambulance attendant, medical responder

(1) paramedic ambulance, (2) emergency paramedic The **paramedic** team worked together efficiently to stabilize the patient's vital signs.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym: livery, outfit

- (1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform** This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.
- a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care synonym: room, division, unit
- (1) a children's ward, (2) ward nurse The patient was moved to the intensive care ward for further treatment.

norm

- something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard synonym: criterion, mean, standard
- (1) norm of action, (2) cultural norm The systems we have developed has accepted as industry norms.

stove

a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym: range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

ward

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

resident

 a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

instance

- n. a particular example or single occurrence of somethingsynonym: example, sample, illustration
- (1) for instance, (2) notable instance

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

interact

- v. to communicate or react with somebody synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate
- (1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a distant memory, (2) distant ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

rhythm

 a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

cuisine

n. the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment

synonym: meal, cooking, gastronomy

(1) bistro-style **cuisine**, (2) **cuisine** taste Italian **cuisine** is known for its use of fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

contrary

- n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desiredsynonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting
- (1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

craftsman

 a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

cigar

- n. a roll of dried tobacco for smokingsynonym: cigarillo, cheroot, tobacco
- (1) **cigar** smoking, (2) stub a **cigar** out
 He lit a **cigar** and leaned back in his chair, savoring the taste and aroma.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

afford

- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
- (1) afford to buy a new car, (2) afford a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interestssynonym: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

feast

- n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasionsynonym: banquet, celebration, dinner
- (1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

bench

 a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym: seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) bench conference, (2) bench boardI sat on the bench in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

passerby

 a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

synonym: spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation** Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym: lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

gesture

a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

gesture of goodwill, (2) hand gesture
 She made a facial gesture to express disagreement.

volunteer

 a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

dare

- v. to have the courage to do somethingsynonym: challenge, risk, attempt
- (1) dare not go, (2) dare to take risks

I wouldn't dare to speak to him like that.

Session 2: Spelling

1. probably have de____ia

2. re___nt tax

3. permanent br__n damage

4. a nightly fe__t

5. cultural n_m

6. be___g to different species

7. hot st e

8. at a un____m temperature

9. af d a high travel cost

- a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
- n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
- the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
- a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
- n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
- to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
- a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
- adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 1. dementia, 2. resident, 3. brain, 4. feast, 5. norm, 6. belong, 7. stove, 8. uniform, 9. afford

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 a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

 a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

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adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

ANSWERS: 10. environment, 11. anxious, 12. interact, 13. politician, 14. contrary, 15. rhythm, 16. instance, 17. bench, 18. stove, 19. passerby, 20. aggressive

21. a children's w d a room in a hospital for patients n. requiring special care 22. in ct directly with customers to communicate or react with somebody ν. 23. administrative co____on the state of being mixed up or unclear, n. or the state of disorder or uncertainty 24. basic br__n function the organ inside the head that is n. responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling 25. env____nt affairs the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live a healthcare professional who is trained 26. nu e practitioner to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury 27. find a lik_____ed friend adj. having the same ideas or interests 28. our school un____m adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification 29. a friendly con____ion an informal talk between two or more n. people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. 30. cu___e taste the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment a room in a hospital for patients 31. w d nurse n. requiring special care

ANSWERS: 21. ward, 22. interact, 23. confusion, 24. brain, 25. environment, 26. nurse, 27. like-minded, 28. uniform, 29. conversation, 30. cuisine, 31. ward

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34. ce____te his election 35. be h conference 36. co____ry evidence 37. against tr on 38. cr____an skill 39. a fe t for the eyes 40. hand ge e 41. p d water 42. in great co____on

ANSWERS: 32. conversation, 33. confuse, 34. celebrate, 35. bench, 36. contrary, 37. tradition, 38. craftsman, 39. feast, 40. gesture, 41. pond, 42. confusion

ANSWERS: 43. cigar, 44. disease, 45. alley, 46. cuisine, 47. aggressive, 48. paramedic, 49. volunteer, 50. paramedic, 51. craftsman

- 52. g_b an audience
- 53. di____e prevention
- 54. be___g to a group
- 55. lu___y hotel
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- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
- adj. sad and without any hope
- adj. having the same ideas or interests

ANSWERS: 52. grab, 53. disease, 54. belong, 55. luxury, 56. anxious, 57. distant, 58. gesture, 59. pond, 60. confuse, 61. afford, 62. depressed, 63. like-minded

- 64. get into the lu y car market a state of great comfort or n. sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things 65. stub a ci r out a roll of dried tobacco for smoking n. 66. a re nt of the city a person who lives in a particular place n. or has their home in a place to take hold of something or someone 67. g b an opportunity ν. suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way 68. curious pa____by a person who is walking by or happens n. to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way 69. a tr on of a culture a belief, custom, or way of doing n. something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society 70. back al y a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
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72. ce te Christmas

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77.	irregular heart rhm	n.	a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
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79.	a volunteer nue	n.	a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
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81.	ade the technology	<i>v</i> .	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
82.	ade a cooperative relationship	<i>v</i> .	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
83.	notable ince	n.	a particular example or single occurrence of something
84.	de to take risks	ν.	to have the courage to do something

ANSWERS: 74. politician, 75. distant, 76. volunteer, 77. rhythm, 78. depressed, 79. nurse, 80. dare, 81. advance, 82. advance, 83. instance, 84. dare

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	He should more with his colleagues.
ν.	to communicate or react with somebody
2.	After his mother died, he got
adj	sad and without any hope
3.	The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the viewpoint.
n.	acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
4.	She made a facial to express disagreement.
n.	a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
5.	It is a in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n.	a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
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