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Session 1: Word List

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes

He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

sassy

adj. rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit

synonym: impudent, audacious, rude

(1) a **sassy** child, (2) talk **sassy** to the teacher
My son has been getting **sassy** recently.

shoplifting

n. the act of stealing goods from a store or shop, typically by concealing them on one's person or by switching price tags

synonym: theft, pilfering, stealing

(1) **shoplifting** charge, (2) repeat **shoplifting** offender
The store owner caught the teenager **shoplifting** a candy bar and called the police.

unsophisticated

adj. lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated

synonym: naive, simple, inexperienced

(1) **unsophisticated** taste, (2) **unsophisticated** argument
The product's **unsophisticated** design made it difficult for experienced users.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**
Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers
The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

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.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym : even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

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.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

swat

v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

synonym: slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

pang

n. a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort

synonym : throe, spasm, ache

(1) **pangs** of hunger, (2) **pang** of regret

I felt a **pang** of guilt for not visiting my grandparents more often.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym : reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

sunscreen

n. a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays

synonym : sunblock, sun cream, suntan lotion

(1) **sunscreen** lotion, (2) natural **sunscreen**

Wearing **sunscreen** to protect your skin from harmful UV rays is important.

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.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. no____te government representatives | v. | to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor |
| 2. si__e the edges of a fabric | v. | to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 3. turn out to be all s__m | n. | something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 4. a s__m battle | n. | something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 5. uns_____ted taste | adj. | lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated |
| 6. cu__t of flowers | n. | a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing |
| 7. su_____en lotion | n. | a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays |

ANSWERS: 1. nominate, 2. singe, 3. sham, 4. sham, 5. unsophisticated, 6. cutout, 7. sunscreen

8. uns_____ted argument *adj.* lacking refinement, education, or worldly experience; simple or straightforward in nature or style; not complex or sophisticated
9. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. expertly s__t back the ball *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
11. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
12. im_____te to the country *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
13. a sa__y child *adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
14. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
15. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 8. unsophisticated, 9. industrious, 10. swat, 11. firsthand, 12. immigrate, 13. sassy, 14. stereotype, 15. ironic

16. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
17. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
18. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
19. aut_____phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
20. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
21. sc__d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
22. music au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. sho_____ng charge *n.* the act of stealing goods from a store or shop, typically by concealing them on one's person or by switching price tags
26. dance au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

ANSWERS: 16. entrenched, 17. playbook, 18. firsthand, 19. autobiography, 20. entrenched, 21. scold, 22. audition, 23. opportune, 24. industrious, 25. shoplifting, 26. audition

27. p__g of regret *n.* a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort
28. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
29. p__gs of hunger *n.* a sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress, often emotional or mental discomfort
30. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
31. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
32. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
33. sc__d in a loud voice *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
34. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 27. pang, 28. rev, 29. pang, 30. singe, 31. superpower, 32. stereotype, 33. scold, 34. ironic

35. S__T operation
- v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
36. sup_____er leader
- n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
37. talk sa__y to the teacher
- adj. rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
38. re_____te in the same frequency
- v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
39. deeply re_____te with the consumers
- v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
40. im_____te through available legal processes
- v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country
41. no_____te him for an award
- v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
42. political pl_____ok
- n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 35. swat, 36. superpower, 37. sassy, 38. resonate, 39. resonate, 40. immigrate, 41. nominate, 42. playbook

43. natural su_____en *n.* a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays
44. repeat sho_____ng offender *n.* the act of stealing goods from a store or shop, typically by concealing them on one's person or by switching price tags
45. cu___t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
46. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
47. fictionalized aut_____phy *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
48. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
49. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
50. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 43. sunscreen, 44. shoplifting, 45. cutout, 46. straighten, 47. autobiography, 48. rev, 49. straighten, 50. opportune

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My son has been getting _____ recently.
adj. rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
2. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
3. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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adj. established firmly and securely
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