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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

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.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to

the enemy.

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.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

preferential

adj. showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

synonym: preferential treatment, biased, partial

(1) **preferential** seating, (2) **preferential** pricing

The **preferential** treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.

strenuous

adj. requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity

synonym: arduous, laborious, demanding

(1) **strenuous** exercise, (2) **strenuous** effort

After the **strenuous** hike, I needed to rest a few hours before continuing.

laborious

adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete;
characterized by tedious or difficult work

synonym: arduous, difficult, strenuous

(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project

The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym: sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

synonym : edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym : edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

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.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

arbiter

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

synonym: judge, referee, mediator

(1) professional **arbiter**, (2) cultural **arbiter**

The **arbiter** of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional**

ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

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**.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. br_____n students' knowledge | <i>v.</i> to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal. |
| 2. in_____te swaths of farmland | <i>v.</i> to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something |
| 3. in_____te his entire body | <i>v.</i> to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something |
| 4. dance au_____on | <i>n.</i> a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position |
| 5. fla_____ht beam | <i>n.</i> a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off |
| 6. re_____h photo | <i>v.</i> to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools |
| 7. la_____us routine | <i>adj.</i> requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work |
| 8. unc_____nal ideas | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards |
| 9. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |

ANSWERS: 1. broaden, 2. inundate, 3. inundate, 4. audition, 5. flashlight, 6. retouch, 7. laborious, 8. unconventional, 9. opportune

10. ph_____op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
11. de____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
12. la_____us project *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
13. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
14. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
16. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
17. bl____h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
18. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
19. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
20. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 10. photoshop, 11. devour, 12. laborious, 13. sinister, 14. excite, 15. shove, 16. app, 17. bleach, 18. broaden, 19. abolish, 20. cofounder

21. bl___h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
22. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
23. 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
24. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
25. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
26. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
27. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
28. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
29. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 21. bleach, 22. excite, 23. intern, 24. app, 25. sinister, 26. embarrass, 27. toxin, 28. betray, 29. cofounder

30. so____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
31. pre____ial seating *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
32. re____h painting *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
33. 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
34. the medical fra____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
35. st____us exercise *adj.* requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity
36. 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
37. fla____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

ANSWERS: 30. sorority, 31. preferential, 32. retouch, 33. audition, 34. fraternity, 35. strenuous, 36. intern, 37. flashlight

38. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
39. so_____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
40. pre_____ial pricing *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
41. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
43. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
44. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
45. cultural ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

ANSWERS: 38. quo, 39. sorority, 40. preferential, 41. opportune, 42. toxin, 43. embarrass, 44. unconventional, 45. arbiter

46. st_____us effort *adj.* requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity
47. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
48. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
49. de____r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
50. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
51. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
52. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
53. ph_____op the background of the image *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
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ANSWERS: 46. strenuous, 47. fraternity, 48. quo, 49. devour, 50. betray, 51. shove, 52. abolish, 53. photoshop, 54. arbiter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
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