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Session 1: Word List

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym: panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

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.

unfreeze

v. to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress

synonym: thaw, unfrost, melt

(1) **unfreeze** assets, (2) **unfreeze** bank accounts

We need to **unfreeze** the computer screen, and it's been frozen for hours.

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.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

marinade

n. a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture

synonym : marinate, dressing, sauce

(1) **marinade** sauce, (2) **marinade** meat

I love to use a citrus-based **marinade** for seafood dishes.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym : ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

unaddressed

adj. not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration

synonym : unanswered, ignored, neglected

(1) **unaddressed** risks, (2) **unaddressed** letter

The community is frustrated with the **unaddressed** issue of crime in the area.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

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.

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**.

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.

disservice

n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

synonym : injury, harm, disadvantage

(1) social **disservice**, (2) **disservice** to the public

It would be a great **disservice** not to recognize her achievements in the field.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

minefield

n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

synonym : hazard, danger, obstacle course

(1) enter a political **minefield**, (2) navigate the **minefield**

The corporate restructuring process was a **minefield** with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
2. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
3. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
4. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
5. una_____ed letter *adj.* not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
6. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
7. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
8. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
9. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
10. global warming hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 1. fluent, 2. terrifying, 3. embarrass, 4. instinct, 5. unaddressed, 6. pretension, 7. embarrass, 8. explode, 9. bewilder, 10. hysteria

11. enter a political mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
12. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
13. ma_____de sauce *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
14. social dis_____ce *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
15. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
16. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
17. 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
18. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 11. minefield, 12. infer, 13. marinade, 14. disservice, 15. terrifying, 16. intimidate, 17. reprimand, 18. whisper

19. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
20. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
21. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
22. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
23. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
24. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
25. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. un_____ze bank accounts *v.* to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress
28. un_____ze assets *v.* to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress

ANSWERS: 19. stigmatize, 20. deem, 21. deem, 22. humanize, 23. incarceration, 24. unnoticed, 25. explode, 26. opportune, 27. unfreeze, 28. unfreeze

29. 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
30. in__r quality from price *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
31. anxiety hy____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
32. 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
33. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
35. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
36. una_____ed risks *adj.* not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
37. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
38. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

ANSWERS: 29. sham, 30. infer, 31. hysteria, 32. reprimand, 33. confuse, 34. yell, 35. instinct, 36. unaddressed, 37. whisper, 38. bewilder

39. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
40. dis_____ce to the public *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
41. ma_____de meat *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
42. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
43. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
44. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
45. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. navigate the mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
47. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
48. 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

ANSWERS: 39. fluent, 40. disservice, 41. marinade, 42. unnoticed, 43. yell, 44. intimidate, 45. opportune, 46. minefield, 47. confuse, 48. sham

49. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
50. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
51. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
52. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 49. stigmatize, 50. humanize, 51. pretension, 52. incarceration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
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3. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
4. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
5. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
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9. The data he prepared was completely _____.
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20. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

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