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Session 1: Word List

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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**.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

superannuate

v. to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance

synonym : retire, pension off, decommission

(1) **superannuate** employee, (2) **superannuate** at the age of 65

After working for the company for 30 years, he finally decided to **superannuate** and enjoy his retirement.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym : stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

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.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym : compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

defensible

adj. able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism

synonym : justifiable, supportable, vindicable

(1) **defensible** fort, (2) **defensible** decision

The lawyer argued that his client's actions were **defensible** given the circumstances.

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.

shakeup

n. a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
synonym: reorganization, upheaval, disruption

(1) **shakeup** plan, (2) political **shakeup**
The new CEO announced a major **shakeup** in the company's management structure.

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.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition
The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
synonym: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**
Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym : express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs

It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

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.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym : deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym: prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

cramped

adj. not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted

synonym: congested, overcrowded, narrow

(1) feel **cramped**, (2) a **cramped** house

She writes a **cramped** hand.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
2. sup_____ate at the age of 65 *v.* to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance
3. 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
4. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
5. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
6. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
7. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
8. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. rampant, 2. superannuate, 3. disrupt, 4. determinant, 5. uphold, 6. catastrophic, 7. cafeteria, 8. medicinal

9. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
10. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
11. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
12. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
13. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
14. ext_____ze responsibilities *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
15. political sh_____p *n.* a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
16. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
17. modern on_____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

ANSWERS: 9. intensify, 10. cram, 11. rampant, 12. intensify, 13. complicit, 14. externalize, 15. shakeup, 16. salesperson, 17. oncology

18. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
19. sm___r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
20. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
21. def_____le fort *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
22. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
23. sh_____p plan *n.* a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
24. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
25. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
26. an im_____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
27. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
28. 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

ANSWERS: 18. firsthand, 19. smoker, 20. doe, 21. defensible, 22. complicit, 23. shakeup, 24. determinant, 25. tangle, 26. impotent, 27. glob, 28. intern

29. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
30. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
31. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
32. 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
33. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
34. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
35. sup_____ate employee *v.* to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance
36. def_____le decision *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
37. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 29. firsthand, 30. tangle, 31. uphold, 32. intern, 33. futile, 34. privatize, 35. superannuate, 36. defensible, 37. industrious

38. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
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47. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 38. cram, 39. smoker, 40. oncology, 41. futile, 42. cafeteria, 43. industrious, 44. glob, 45. catastrophic, 46. externalize, 47. doe

48. a cr_____d house *adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted
49. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
50. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
51. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
52. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
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ANSWERS: 48. cramped, 49. well-being, 50. salesperson, 51. well-being, 52. privatize, 53. disrupt, 54. impotent, 55. medicinal, 56. cramped

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lawyer argued that his client's actions were _____ given the circumstances.

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