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Session 1: Word List

- rife** *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
synonym : prevalent, abundant, widespread
(1) **rife** with rumors, (2) **rife** with uncertainty
Misinformation is **rife** on social media platforms.
- 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.
- devastate** *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym : demolish, destroy, crush
(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.
- gunshot** *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
synonym : shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym: aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar

bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

lament

v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

synonym: mourn, grieve, bemoan

(1) **lament** my misfortunes, (2) **lament** the situation

She **lamented** the loss of her beloved cat.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

astray

adv. away from the right path or direction

synonym: off course, misdirected, wayward

(1) led **astray** by superstition, (2) gone **astray**

He wandered **astray** from the path and got lost in the forest.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

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.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

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.

jokingly

adv. done or said in a playful, humorous, or lighthearted manner, often intended to make others laugh or to avoid taking oneself too seriously

synonym : tongue-in-cheek, jestingly, facetiously

(1) **jokingly** mocked, (2) **jokingly** asked

She **jokingly** suggested they quit their jobs and run to a tropical island.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

teem

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

synonym: brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 2. jo_____ly mocked | <i>adv.</i> done or said in a playful, humorous, or lighthearted manner, often intended to make others laugh or to avoid taking oneself too seriously |
| 3. emotional a__n | <i>n.</i> a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others |
| 4. ho_____ss situation | <i>adj.</i> having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success |
| 5. ste_____er role | <i>n.</i> a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father |
| 6. de_____te an area | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 7. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 8. tr____h excavator | <i>n.</i> a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water |
| 9. r__e with rumors | <i>adj.</i> full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful |

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. jokingly, 3. agon, 4. hopeless, 5. stepfather, 6. devastate, 7. sibling, 8. trench, 9. rife

10. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
11. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
12. gone as___y *adv.* away from the right path or direction
13. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
14. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
15. deep-sea tr___h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
16. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
17. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
18. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
19. ab___t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 10. teem, 11. terrifying, 12. astray, 13. cling, 14. memorize, 15. trench, 16. fraternity, 17. blister, 18. clap, 19. abduct

20. supportive ste_____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
21. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
22. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
23. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
24. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
25. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
26. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
27. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
28. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
29. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

ANSWERS: 20. stepfather, 21. hopeless, 22. cling, 23. reap, 24. terrifying, 25. fraternity, 26. chop, 27. reap, 28. agon, 29. blister

30. r__e with uncertainty *adj.* full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful
31. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
32. t__m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
33. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
34. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
35. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
36. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
37. la___t my misfortunes *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
38. la___t the situation *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
39. ab___t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 30. rife, 31. intimidate, 32. teem, 33. devastate, 34. memorize, 35. intimidate, 36. determinant, 37. lament, 38. lament, 39. abduct

40. jo____ly asked *adv.* done or said in a playful, humorous, or lighthearted manner, often intended to make others laugh or to avoid taking oneself too seriously
41. gu____t wound *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
42. led as____y by superstition *adv.* away from the right path or direction
43. gu____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
44. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
45. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
46. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 40. jokingly, 41. gunshot, 42. astray, 43. gunshot, 44. clap, 45. sibling, 46. chop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

2. She _____ the loss of her beloved cat.
v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

3. She _____ suggested they quit their jobs and run to a tropical island.
adv. done or said in a playful, humorous, or lighthearted manner, often intended to make others laugh or to avoid taking oneself too seriously

4. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. gunshot, 2. lamented, 3. jokingly, 4. siblings, 5. rife, 6. astray, 7. intimidate, 8. fraternity

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ANSWERS: 9. trench, 10. determinant, 11. hopeless, 12. clings, 13. devastate, 14. abducted, 15. blister

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ANSWERS: 16. chopped, 17. terrifying, 18. clapped, 19. reaped, 20. memorize, 21. stepfather, 22. teems, 23. agon

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