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Session 1: Word List

alienated

adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

synonym: isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

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.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym : tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym : predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

gymnastics

n. a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility

synonym : acrobatics, tumbling, contortion

(1) **gymnastics** competition, (2) **gymnastics** routine

Gymnastics classes are fun for kids to stay active and learn new skills.

disobedience

n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules

synonym : rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance

(1) **disobedience** to authority, (2) civil **disobedience**

The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym : grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym : hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the

concert to begin.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym: rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

rebuttal

n. a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim

synonym: refutation, counterargument, disproof

(1) **rebuttal** to the argument, (2) **rebuttal** of the claims

The defense attorney offered a strong **rebuttal** to the prosecution's case.

pontificate

v. to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way

synonym: lecture, preach, sermonize

(1) **pontificate** on a topic, (2) **pontificate** about religion

He loved to **pontificate** about politics but often failed to take action.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

centerpiece

n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

synonym: highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal
His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

originate

v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place

synonym: begin, arise, create

(1) **originate** from the country, (2) **originate** a political movement

The flight **originates** in Vancouver.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

espouse

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

synonym: adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

impanel

v. (also "empanel") to select and swear in a group of people to serve on a jury or other official group or committee

synonym: select, choose, nominate

(1) **impanel** a hearing board, (2) **impanel** a committee

The judge will **impanel** a jury for the trial next week.

curmudgeon

n. a person, often elderly, who is irritable, ill-tempered, and difficult to please or get along with; a crank or complainer

synonym: grouch, sourpuss, grump

(1) crotchety **curmudgeon**, (2) old **curmudgeon**

I'm trying to avoid becoming a **curmudgeon** like my grandfather did as he aged.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym: beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

goosebump

n. a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

synonym: horripilation, gooseflesh, pilomotor reflex

(1) **goosebump** sensation, (2) **goosebump** moment

The cold wind gave her **goosebumps** on her arms and legs.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. or_____te from the country | v. | to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place |
| 2. ask a co_____se question | v. | to talk informally |
| 3. y__l for help | v. | to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 4. dis_____nce to authority | n. | the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules |
| 5. pon_____te about religion | v. | to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way |
| 6. or_____te a political movement | v. | to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place |
| 7. es_____e a cause | v. | to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry |
| 8. im_____l a hearing board | v. | (also "empanel") to select and swear in a group of people to serve on a jury or other official group or committee |
| 9. the an_____te for aging | n. | a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease |
| 10. cen_____ce proposal | n. | the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table |

ANSWERS: 1. originate, 2. converse, 3. yell, 4. disobedience, 5. pontificate, 6. originate, 7. espouse, 8. impanel, 9. antidote, 10. centerpiece

11. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
12. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
13. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
14. the cen_____ce of the meal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
15. reo_____ze a department *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
16. al_____ed from my parents *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
17. old cur_____on *n.* a person, often elderly, who is irritable, ill-tempered, and difficult to please or get along with; a crank or complainer
18. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
19. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
20. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

ANSWERS: 11. palatable, 12. intellect, 13. yell, 14. centerpiece, 15. reorganize, 16. alienated, 17. curmudgeon, 18. republican, 19. uncover, 20. gamble

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| 21. co_____se with an acquaintance | <i>v.</i> to talk informally |
| 22. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 23. gym_____cs competition | <i>n.</i> a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility |
| 24. gym_____cs routine | <i>n.</i> a sport that involves feats of strength, agility, and balance, often performed on apparatus such as a balance beam or a set of parallel bars; any physical exercise that involves movement and agility |
| 25. the ou____t of the crisis | <i>n.</i> the beginning of something |
| 26. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 27. junior se_____r | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate |
| 28. lack of hu_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self |
| 29. the an_____te to the poison | <i>n.</i> a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease |
| 30. open-air aud_____um | <i>n.</i> a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances |

ANSWERS: 21. converse, 22. empower, 23. gymnastics, 24. gymnastics, 25. outset, 26. neuroscience, 27. senator, 28. humility, 29. antidote, 30. auditorium

31. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
32. civil dis_____nce
n. the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules
33. month's ou____t
n. the beginning of something
34. re_____al of the claims
n. a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim
35. uns_____ing success
adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
36. crotchety cur_____on
n. a person, often elderly, who is irritable, ill-tempered, and difficult to please or get along with; a crank or complainer
37. Rep_____an party
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
38. pon_____te on a topic
v. to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way
39. ta_____ze with promises
v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 31. humiliate, 32. disobedience, 33. outset, 34. rebuttal, 35. unsurprising, 36. curmudgeon, 37. republican, 38. pontificate, 39. tantalize

40. hu_____te him publicly v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
41. im_____l a committee v. (also "empanel") to select and swear in a group of people to serve on a jury or other official group or committee
42. go_____mp sensation n. a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
43. em_____r the secretary to do the same v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
44. ta_____ze taste buds v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
45. co____r degree v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
46. develop an attitude of hu_____ty n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
47. ev_____te almost overnight v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
48. de____e my own life v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
49. co____r honor v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 40. humiliate, 41. impanel, 42. goosebump, 43. empower, 44. tantalize, 45. confer, 46. humility, 47. evaporate, 48. devote, 49. confer

50. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
51. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
52. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
53. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
54. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
55. become al_____ed *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
56. go_____mp moment *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
57. es_____e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
58. ca_____n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
59. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
60. re_____al to the argument *n.* a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim

ANSWERS: 50. outlaw, 51. headquarter, 52. unsurprising, 53. neuroscience, 54. headquarter, 55. alienated, 56. goosebump, 57. espouse, 58. cavern, 59. uncover, 60. rebuttal

61. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
62. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
63. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
64. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
65. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
66. reo_____ze his debts *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
67. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
68. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
69. ev_____te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
70. a yawning ca___n *n.* a large, natural underground space

ANSWERS: 61. devote, 62. outlaw, 63. senator, 64. auditorium, 65. palatable, 66. reorganize, 67. gamble, 68. intellect, 69. evaporate, 70. cavern

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
 - v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

2. The cold wind gave her _____ on her arms and legs.
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 - n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

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ANSWERS: 1. tantalized, 2. goosebumps, 3. senator, 4. uncovered, 5. converse, 6. antidote, 7. reorganize

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