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Session 1: Word List

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym: childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym: mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym : inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym : diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

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.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

lily

n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

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.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym: humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

proximate

adj. very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something

synonym: immediate, closest, nearest

(1) **proximate** region, (2) **proximate** location

The **proximate** cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

arduous

adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

synonym: challenging, difficult, strenuous

(1) **arduous** task, (2) an **arduous** journey

The climb up the mountain was **arduous** and took us hours to complete.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

vigil

n. a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

synonym: watch, observance, monitoring

(1) **vigil** for peace, (2) night **vigil**

The mother kept a **vigil** by her sick child's bedside all night.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de_____e a brand
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
2. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. a sl_____ry customer
adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
4. an ar_____s journey
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
5. mi_____t worker
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
6. re_____e with my friend
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
7. tr__p card
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
8. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. ar_____s task
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor

ANSWERS: 1. devalue, 2. opportune, 3. slippery, 4. arduous, 5. migrant, 6. reunite, 7. trump, 8. excite, 9. arduous

10. vi__l for peace *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
11. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
12. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
13. fo____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
14. suffer an in____ty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
15. probably have de____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
16. professional na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
17. the movement of mi____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
18. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

ANSWERS: 10. vigil, 11. sever, 12. sever, 13. forcibly, 14. indignity, 15. dementia, 16. nanny, 17. migrant, 18. seep

19. de____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
20. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
21. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
22. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
23. pr_____te region *adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
24. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
25. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
26. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
27. fo_____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
28. de_____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
29. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
30. night vi__l *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

ANSWERS: 19. dementia, 20. trump, 21. trustworthy, 22. nap, 23. proximate, 24. unskilled, 25. seep, 26. undeniable, 27. forcibly, 28. devalue, 29. nurture, 30. vigil

31. sl_____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
32. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
33. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
34. pr_____te location *adj.* very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
35. in_____ty of poverty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
36. sa____y check *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
37. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
38. part-time na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
39. un_____ed job *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
40. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

ANSWERS: 31. slippery, 32. enslave, 33. nap, 34. proximate, 35. indignity, 36. sanity, 37. disproportionately, 38. nanny, 39. unskilled, 40. disproportionately

41. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
42. l__y perfume *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
43. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
44. have a sa____y hearing *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
45. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
46. water l__y *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
47. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
48. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
49. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 41. trustworthy, 42. lily, 43. reunite, 44. sanity, 45. enslave, 46. lily, 47. excite, 48. undeniable, 49. opportune, 50. nurture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The beautiful _____ garden in the park was a sight to behold.
n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
2. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
3. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
6. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.
n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
7. The _____ cause of the accident was the driver texting on their phone.
adj. very near or close, either in space or time; immediately preceding or following something
8. How extraordinarily _____ a liar the camera is.
adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

ANSWERS: 1. lily, 2. forcibly, 3. trump, 4. opportune, 5. reunite, 6. indignity, 7. proximate, 8. slippery

9. The climb up the mountain was _____ and took us hours to complete.
adj. requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring, often involving physical or mental labor
10. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
11. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
13. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.
adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
14. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
15. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
16. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 9. arduous, 10. enslaved, 11. excited, 12. severed, 13. disproportionately, 14. nurture, 15. devalued, 16. dementia

17. The _____ worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.
adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
18. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable
19. The mother kept a _____ by her sick child's bedside all night.
n. a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
20. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
adj. not possible to deny; true or certain
21. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
22. She woke the kids up from their _____.
n. a short sleep, especially during the day
23. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
24. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

ANSWERS: 17. unskilled, 18. trustworthy, 19. vigil, 20. undeniable, 21. seep, 22. nap, 23. nanny, 24. migrant

25. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

ANSWERS: 25. sanity