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Session 1: Word List

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**.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

kimchi

n. a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes

synonym : pickled vegetables, spicy cabbage, Korean food

(1) **kimchi** recipe, (2) spicy **kimchi** paste

There are many different varieties of **kimchi**, each with its unique taste and texture.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

prophecy

v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

synonym : predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

gunpoint

n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

synonym : point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

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.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

bookworm

n. a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read

synonym: booklover, bibliophile, library mouse

(1) shy **bookworm**, (2) **bookworm** club

His **bookworm** obsession sometimes makes him forget to eat his meals.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

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.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym : slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

permutation

n. the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

synonym : variation, transformation, alteration

(1) **permutation** formula, (2) **permutation** test

Scientists study the **permutations** of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym : failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

double-edged

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges

synonym : two-sided, ambivalent, ambiguous

(1) a **double-edged** compliment, (2) **double-edged** tool
The **double-edged** sword could be used for both offense and defense.

multiplicity

n. a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold

synonym : abundance, variety, diversity

(1) functional **multiplicity**, (2) **multiplicity** of languages
The **multiplicity** of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect
You might need to **amplify** this point.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**
His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

indestructible

adj. impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair

synonym : unbreakable, sturdy, durable

(1) **indestructible** warrior, (2) **indestructible** object
The vault was advertised as **indestructible** but was eventually broken into.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bo_____rm club | <i>n.</i> a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read |
| 2. in_____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 3. ind_____ble object | <i>adj.</i> impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair |
| 4. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 5. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 6. ind_____ble warrior | <i>adj.</i> impossible to destroy or damage beyond repair |
| 7. em_____te to a new country | <i>v.</i> to leave one's country or region to settle in another |
| 8. per_____on formula | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects |
| 9. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 10. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 11. fanatic pat_____sm | <i>n.</i> love and loyalty to one's country |

ANSWERS: 1. bookworm, 2. innovate, 3. indestructible, 4. innovate, 5. bury, 6. indestructible, 7. emigrate, 8. permutation, 9. reinvent, 10. sibling, 11. patriotism

12. int_____nt of criticism *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects
13. dou_____ged tool *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
14. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
15. en____h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
16. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
17. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
18. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
19. functional mul_____ity *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
20. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
21. spicy ki____i paste *n.* a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes

ANSWERS: 12. intolerant, 13. double-edged, 14. confuse, 15. enrich, 16. entrepreneurship, 17. intertwine, 18. amplify, 19. multiplicity, 20. optimism, 21. kimchi

22. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
23. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
24. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
25. a dou_____ged compliment *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
26. pr_____sy success *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
27. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
28. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
29. shy bo_____rm *n.* a person who loves to read and spends much time doing so; a term often used in a positive sense to indicate someone knowledgeable and well-read
30. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 22. reinvent, 23. matriarch, 24. amplify, 25. double-edged, 26. prophesy, 27. skew, 28. addict, 29. bookworm, 30. optimism

53. en___h a gas with a balloon

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

54. b__y in the earth

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 53. enrich, 54. bury

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 16. bewilder, 17. sobbed, 18. enriches, 19. skewed, 20. emigrated, 21. confused, 22. reinvent, 23. double-edged, 24. permutations

25. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

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

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