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Session 1: Word List

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym: informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

whistleblower

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym : retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

synonym : downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to the bench.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym : skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

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

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

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

tattletale

n. a person who reveals secrets or reports on the misdeeds of others, especially in a petty or malicious way

synonym: snitch, blabbermouth, informant

(1) **tattletale** kid, (2) classroom **tattletale**

There's a **tattletale** in our group who keeps sharing our plans with the management.

weasel

n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

felon

n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind

synonym: criminal, convict, offender

(1) serial **felon**, (2) convicted **felon**

The robbery was committed by a notorious **felon** previously convicted of armed robbery.

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.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

retaliate

v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person

synonym: get back, strike back, revenge

(1) **retaliate** for the blow, (2) **retaliate** in a like fashion

After the other team scored, we **retaliated** by playing even harder and scoring two quick goals.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

embezzle

v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

synonym: steal, defraud, swindle

(1) **embezzle** money, (2) **embezzled** funds

He used his position of trust to **embezzle** donations meant for an orphanage.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym : boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

disgruntled

adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

synonym : dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym : courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym : retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

untreated

adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

synonym :

raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin solution

Heat stroke is the result of **untreated** heat exhaustion.

syphilis

n. a sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*, characterized by multiple stages and a wide range of symptoms

synonym : STD, venereal disease, sexually transmitted infection

(1) oral **syphilis**, (2) late-stage **syphilis**

Untreated **syphilis** can cause serious health problems.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym :

pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

congenital

adj. existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth

synonym: innate, inborn, inherent

(1) **congenital** disease, (2) **congenital** disorder

Congenital heart defects can often be diagnosed before a baby is born.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

snitch

v. to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage

synonym: inform, tattle, rat

(1) **snitch** and give valuable information, (2) **snitch** to the authorities

He **snitched** on his coworkers when he realized they were breaking the law.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wi_____ld my laughter
v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
2. the mil_____al reign
adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
3. com_____ion of structure
n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
4. digital bi_____rd
n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
5. cu_____te relationships
v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
6. notorious tr_____r
n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
7. br_____y under fire
n. courage in the face of danger
8. en_____e him to a pension
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
9. an un_____ed disease
adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

ANSWERS: 1. withhold, 2. millennial, 3. complication, 4. billboard, 5. cultivate, 6. traitor, 7. bravery, 8. entitle, 9. untreated

10. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
11. tat_____le kid *n.* a person who reveals secrets or reports on the misdeeds of others, especially in a petty or malicious way
12. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
13. sn___h and give valuable information *v.* to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage
14. sn___h to the authorities *v.* to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage
15. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
16. convicted fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
17. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
18. dispose of un_____ed formalin solution *adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

ANSWERS: 10. penicillin, 11. tattletale, 12. courageous, 13. snitch, 14. snitch, 15. stalk, 16. felon, 17. cultivate, 18. untreated

19. we___l her way out of doing the dishes
n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
20. tru_____hy ally
adj. reliable and dependable
21. a fu___l-shaped device
n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
22. re_____te in a like fashion
v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
23. in___t other animal species
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
24. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. late-stage sy_____is
n. a sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*, characterized by multiple stages and a wide range of symptoms
26. em_____led funds
v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

ANSWERS: 19. weasel, 20. trustworthy, 21. funnel, 22. retaliate, 23. infect, 24. opportune, 25. syphilis, 26. embezzle

27. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
28. we____l words *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
29. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
30. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
31. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. con_____al disease *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
34. separatory fu____l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 27. whistleblower, 28. weasel, 29. whistle, 30. voiceless, 31. stumble, 32. opportune, 33. congenital, 34. funnel

35. an up___l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
36. en___e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
37. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
38. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
39. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
40. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
41. wi_____ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
42. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
43. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
44. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

ANSWERS: 35. uphill, 36. entice, 37. rev, 38. perpetual, 39. bravery, 40. entitle, 41. withhold, 42. whistle, 43. courageous, 44. millennial

45. become dis_____ed at work *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
46. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
47. re_____te for the blow *v.* to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
48. de____e an employee *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
49. em_____le money *v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
50. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
51. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
52. con_____al disorder *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
53. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
54. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 45. disgruntled, 46. perpetual, 47. retaliate, 48. demote, 49. embezzle, 50. stumble, 51. billboard, 52. congenital, 53. trustworthy, 54. rev

55. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
56. serial fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
57. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
58. political tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
59. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
60. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
61. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
62. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
63. ret_____on tactics *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
64. de___e a song from the top charts *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

ANSWERS: 55. entice, 56. felon, 57. complication, 58. traitor, 59. whistleblower, 60. underestimate, 61. penicillin, 62. voiceless, 63. retaliation, 64. demote

65. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
66. dis_____ed customer *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
67. ret_____on against discrimination *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
68. an up___l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
69. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
70. oral sy_____is *n.* a sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*, characterized by multiple stages and a wide range of symptoms
71. classroom tat_____le *n.* a person who reveals secrets or reports on the misdeeds of others, especially in a petty or malicious way
72. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 65. underestimate, 66. disgruntled, 67. retaliation, 68. uphill, 69. infect, 70. syphilis, 71. tattletale, 72. stalk

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger

2. He _____ on his coworkers when he realized they were breaking the law.
v. to inform on or betray someone, usually to authorities or figures of authority, especially for personal gain or advantage

3. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.
adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

4. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

5. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

6. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
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7. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.
n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

8. He used his position of trust to _____ donations meant for an orphanage.
v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

ANSWERS: 1. bravery, 2. snitched, 3. voiceless, 4. courageous, 5. entice, 6. millennial-scale, 7. penicillin, 8. embezzle

9. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
10. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.
n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
11. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
12. The _____ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.
adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
13. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.
n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
14. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.
n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
15. Heat stroke is the result of _____ heat exhaustion.
adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

ANSWERS: 9. cultivate, 10. billboard, 11. perpetual, 12. disgruntled, 13. retaliation, 14. whistleblowers, 15. untreated

16. Untreated _____ can cause serious health problems.
- n.* a sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*, characterized by multiple stages and a wide range of symptoms
17. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
18. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
19. There's a _____ in our group who keeps sharing our plans with the management.
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21. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 16. syphilis, 17. infect, 18. complications, 19. tattletale, 20. weasel's, 21. opportune, 22. stalked

23. The government decided to _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
24. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
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v. to respond to an action or attack with a similar action, especially one that is intended to harm or punish the other person
26. The government branded him a _____ after he leaked classified information to the press.
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27. The robbery was committed by a notorious _____ previously convicted of armed robbery.
n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
28. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
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29. _____ heart defects can often be diagnosed before a baby is born.
adj. existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth

ANSWERS: 23. withhold, 24. entitled, 25. retaliated, 26. traitor, 27. felon, 28. whistle-blow, 29. Congenital

30. The road is _____ for a while.

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

31. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

32. His poor performance caused the coach to _____ him to the bench.

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

33. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

adj. reliable and dependable

34. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

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36. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 30. uphill, 31. stumbled, 32. demote, 33. trustworthy, 34. funnel, 35. rev, 36. underestimated