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Session 1: Word List

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym: crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

unparalleled

adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

synonym: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement
Several American technology companies have achieved **unparalleled** success in terms of customer numbers.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym: diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education
The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

trailblazing

adj. pioneering; innovative; the action of blazing a trail or creating a path for others to follow

synonym: pioneering, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **trailblazing** technology, (2) **trailblazing** approach
The **trailblazing** scientist paved the way for future research in the field.

homecoming

n. a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home

synonym: return, arrival, reunion

(1) high school **homecoming**, (2) plan a **homecoming** event

An annual **homecoming** parade is a big event for the local high school.

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.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym: veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

pageant

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym: parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

vogue

n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

synonym: trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

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.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

clique

n. a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful

synonym : clan, group, gang

(1) **clique** behavior, (2) form a **clique**

Members of the popular **clique** at school often exclude others from their group.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

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.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym : impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

burkini

n. a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes

synonym: full-coverage swimsuit, Islamic swimsuit

(1) **burkini** ban, (2) swim in a **burkini**

The **burkini** debate in certain countries raises questions about religious freedom and women's rights.

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.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym: belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

whirlwind

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

synonym: tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

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.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. family upb_____ng
n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
2. conduct fi_____nd research
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
3. 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
4. fl_____sh worldwide
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
5. pa_____t queen
n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
6. current vo___e
n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
7. feel und_____ted
adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
8. unp_____led views
adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

ANSWERS: 1. upbringing, 2. firsthand, 3. gunshot, 4. flourish, 5. pageant, 6. vogue, 7. underrepresented, 8. unparalleled

9. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
10. tra_____ing approach *adj.* pioneering; innovative; the action of blazing a trail or creating a path for others to follow
11. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
12. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
13. plan a hom_____ng event *n.* a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home
14. mul_____ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
15. cl___e behavior *n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
16. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. dedicate, 10. trailblazing, 11. tease, 12. excite, 13. homecoming, 14. multicultural, 15. clique, 16. opportune

17. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
18. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
19. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
20. form a cl_____e *n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
21. follow vo___e trends *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
22. woman's hi___b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
23. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
24. hi___b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
25. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
26. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
27. wh_____nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

ANSWERS: 17. reunite, 18. reunite, 19. impoverished, 20. clique, 21. vogue, 22. hijab, 23. surreal, 24. hijab, 25. surreal, 26. underrepresented, 27. whirlwind

28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
30. im_____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
31. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
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33. mul_____ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
34. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
35. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
36. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 28. opportune, 29. impoverished, 30. immersion, 31. senator, 32. gunshot, 33. multicultural, 34. firsthand, 35. posse, 36. immersion

37. national pa_____t *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
38. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
39. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. swim in a bu_____i *n.* a type of swimsuit that covers most of the body, worn by some Muslim women for modesty purposes
41. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
42. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
43. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
44. economic wh_____nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
45. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
46. tra_____ing technology *adj.* pioneering; innovative; the action of blazing a trail or creating a path for others to follow

ANSWERS: 37. pageant, 38. emulate, 39. excite, 40. burkini, 41. flourish, 42. senator, 43. posse, 44. whirlwind, 45. emulate, 46. trailblazing

47. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
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51. Catholic upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
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ANSWERS: 47. tease, 48. unparalleled, 49. homecoming, 50. burkini, 51. upbringing, 52. dedicate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Several American technology companies have achieved _____ success in terms of customer numbers.
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