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Session 1: Word List

grimace

- v. to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

synonym : frown, scowl, sneer

(1) **grimace** in pain, (2) try to hide a **grimace**

I couldn't help but **grimace** when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

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.

corroborate

- v. to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony

synonym : confirm, substantiate, authenticate

(1) **corroborate** evidence, (2) **corroborate** story

The eyewitness testimony **corroborated** the suspect's alibi.

hypothesize

v. to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

synonym: speculate, theorize, conjecture

(1) **hypothesize** as to outcomes, (2) **hypothesize** what could have happened

Scientists **hypothesize** that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

crinkle

v. to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound

synonym: wrinkle, crumple, crease

(1) **crinkle** my nose, (2) bag **crinkle** as I open

Her eyes **crinkled** with laughter as she told us a joke.

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**.

inward *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

droop *v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality

synonym: sag, slump, wilt

(1) **droop** with disappointment, (2) **droop** under their own weight

The flowers began to **droop** in the scorching heat.

downturn *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

synonym: decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

wrinkle *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

disapproval

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

synonym: condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. a fine wr_____e on a fabric | <i>n.</i> a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty |
| 2. dr__p under their own weight | <i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality |
| 3. chi_____ee society | <i>n.</i> a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur |
| 4. gr_____e in pain | <i>v.</i> to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth |
| 5. a sort of ma____l | <i>n.</i> any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body |
| 6. in____d cargo | <i>adj.</i> directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking |
| 7. hyp_____ze as to outcomes | <i>v.</i> to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate |
| 8. ey_____w cosmetics | <i>n.</i> the hair arc over each eye in humans |
| 9. in____d peace | <i>adj.</i> directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking |

ANSWERS: 1. wrinkle, 2. droop, 3. chimpanzee, 4. grimace, 5. mammal, 6. inward, 7. hypothesize, 8. eyebrow, 9. inward

10. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. a facial wr____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
12. do____rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
13. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
14. pr____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
15. cor____te story *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
16. cor____te evidence *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
17. cr____e my nose *v.* to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound

ANSWERS: 10. sham, 11. wrinkle, 12. downturn, 13. mammal, 14. primate, 15. corroborate, 16. corroborate, 17. crinkle

18. public di____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
19. showing dis_____al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
20. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
21. dis_____al rate *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
22. 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
23. try to hide a gr_____e *v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
24. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
25. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
26. bag cr_____e as I open *v.* to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound

ANSWERS: 18. disgust, 19. disapproval, 20. sham, 21. disapproval, 22. rev, 23. grimace, 24. converse, 25. converse, 26. crinkle

27. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
28. hyp_____ze what could have happened *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
29. dr__p with disappointment *v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
30. 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
31. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
32. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
33. the do_____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
34. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 27. chimpanzee, 28. hypothesize, 29. droop, 30. rev, 31. primate, 32. disgust, 33. downturn, 34. eyebrow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
2. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
3. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally
4. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
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
5. The _____ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.
adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
6. Her eyes _____ with laughter as she told us a joke.
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ANSWERS: 1. eyebrow, 2. mammal, 3. converse, 4. rev, 5. inward, 6. crinkled, 7. grimace

8. This suit is made of _____ material.
- n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
9. The flowers began to _____ in the scorching heat.
- v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
10. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
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- n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
14. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 8. wrinkle-proof, 9. droop, 10. chimpanzee, 11. corroborated, 12. downturn, 13. primate, 14. sham

15. Her _____ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.
- n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
16. Scientists _____ that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.
- v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
17. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 15. disapproval, 16. hypothesize, 17. disgust