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Session 1: Word List

- jeer** v. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures
synonym: mock, ridicule, deride
(1) **jeer** at the speaker, (2) **jeer** at the performance
The crowd **jeered** at the losing team.
- bonnet** n. a type of headwear that is often worn by women and children, typically featuring a brim and tied underneath the chin; the hinged cover over the engine of a motor vehicle, also known as the "hood" in American English
synonym: hat, cap, headgear
(1) sun **bonnet**, (2) baby **bonnet**
She wore a wide-brimmed **bonnet** to protect her face from the sun.
- pun** n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym: joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

exorcism

n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

synonym: purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

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**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

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.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

postpone

v. to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date

synonym: delay, defer, reschedule

(1) **postpone** meeting, (2) **postpone** event

Due to inclement weather, the game has been **postponed** until next week.

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym: fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of

impostor sellers trying to scam them.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

econometrics

n. the application of statistical methods to economic data to analyze, understand, and forecast economic phenomena

(1) applied **econometrics**, (2) **econometrics** models

The latest **econometrics** techniques have helped in analyzing the complex economic situations with ease.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

cringe

v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

synonym: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident

The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay

motivated.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex_____sm ceremony | <i>n.</i> the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer |
| 2. j__r at the performance | <i>v.</i> to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures |
| 3. hu_____te the heckler in the audience | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information |
| 4. po_____ne event | <i>v.</i> to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date |
| 5. em_____ss my project | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 6. dis_____ue scene | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 7. sun bo____t | <i>n.</i> a type of headwear that is often worn by women and children, typically featuring a brim and tied underneath the chin; the hinged cover over the engine of a motor vehicle, also known as the "hood" in American English |
| 8. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 9. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |

ANSWERS: 1. exorcism, 2. jeer, 3. humiliate, 4. postpone, 5. embarrass, 6. discotheque, 7. bonnet, 8. cofounder, 9. pun

10. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
11. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
12. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
13. demonic ex_____sm *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
14. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
15. baby bo___t *n.* a type of headwear that is often worn by women and children, typically featuring a brim and tied underneath the chin; the hinged cover over the engine of a motor vehicle, also known as the "hood" in American English
16. eco_____ics models *n.* the application of statistical methods to economic data to analyze, understand, and forecast economic phenomena
17. applied eco_____ics *n.* the application of statistical methods to economic data to analyze, understand, and forecast economic phenomena

ANSWERS: 10. stifle, 11. stifle, 12. discotheque, 13. exorcism, 14. humiliate, 15. bonnet, 16. econometrics, 17. econometrics

18. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. 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
20. detect an im_____or *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
21. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
22. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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25. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. cr___e with fear *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

ANSWERS: 18. opportune, 19. sham, 20. impostor, 21. brag, 22. empathy, 23. pun, 24. postpone, 25. opportune, 26. cringe

27. campaign ma___a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
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35. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
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ANSWERS: 27. mantra, 28. mantra, 29. devote, 30. cringe, 31. embarrass, 32. jeer, 33. impostor, 34. empathy, 35. devote, 36. brag

37. 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
38. co_____er of the university
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 37. sham, 38. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
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 - n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

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 - adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

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 - n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

7. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
 - n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

ANSWERS: 1. humiliated, 2. bragging, 3. devoted, 4. discotheque, 5. opportune, 6. pun, 7. mantra

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ANSWERS: 8. stifle, 9. sham, 10. exorcism, 11. Empathy, 12. cringed, 13. cofounder, 14. impostor, 15. postponed

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19. The crowd _____ at the losing team.

v. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures

ANSWERS: 16. embarrass, 17. econometrics, 18. bonnet, 19. jeered