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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.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

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.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

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.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym:

noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

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.

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.

alienate

v. to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic

synonym: estrange, isolate, separate

(1) **alienate** a group, (2) **alienate** a potential customer

His actions **alienated** him from his friends.

uncharted

adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

synonym: unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing what to expect.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pi____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
2. in a fl____t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
3. modern ha____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
4. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
5. po____r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
6. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
7. bob ha____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
8. po____r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
9. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
10. per____on formula *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

ANSWERS: 1. pivotal, 2. fluent, 3. hairstyle, 4. innovate, 5. ponder, 6. sibling, 7. hairstyle, 8. ponder, 9. addict, 10. permutation

11. mul_____ity of languages *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
12. functional mul_____ity *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
13. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
14. ki____i recipe *n.* a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes
15. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
16. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
17. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
18. 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
19. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
20. al_____te a potential customer *v.* to cause someone to become unfriendly or unsympathetic
21. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

ANSWERS: 11. multiplicity, 12. multiplicity, 13. reinvent, 14. kimchi, 15. skew, 16. pivotal, 17. bury, 18. kimchi, 19. innovate, 20. alienate, 21. dropout

22. 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.
23. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
24. un_____ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
25. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
27. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
28. Internet ad_____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
29. be_____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
30. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
31. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
32. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

ANSWERS: 22. skew, 23. nerd, 24. uncharted, 25. confuse, 26. creditor, 27. sob, 28. addict, 29. betray, 30. bury, 31. reinvent, 32. confuse, 33. sob

34. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
35. per_____on test *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
36. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
37. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
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41. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
42. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
43. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
44. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 34. fluent, 35. permutation, 36. creditor, 37. sibling, 38. dropout, 39. beard, 40. alienate, 41. nerd, 42. beard, 43. uncharted, 44. betray

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
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