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Session 1: Word List

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

jolt

v. to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock

synonym: shock, jar, bump

(1) **jolt** entire social systems, (2) **jolt** of excitement

The news of the unexpected announcement **jolted** the stock market.

cataclysm

n. a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war

synonym: disaster, catastrophe, turmoil

(1) global **cataclysm**, (2) existential **cataclysm**

The earthquake was a **cataclysm** from which the local people never recovered.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government,

nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym : retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

aftershock

n. a tremor or series of tremors that follows a larger earthquake

synonym: reverberation, tremor

(1) the **aftershock** of a traumatic event, (2) **aftershock** magnitude

He felt the **aftershock** of the earthquake while he was still recovering from the initial shock.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

electrification

n. the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

(1) railway **electrification**, (2) **electrification** current

The village was excited about the **electrification** of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

interplay

n. the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other

synonym: interaction, give-and-take, interconnection

(1) **interplay** among neurons, (2) complex **interplay**

The **interplay** of light and shadow creates a dramatic effect in the painting.

laissez-faire

n. an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices

synonym : hands-off, free

(1) **laissez-faire** attitude, (2) **laissez-faire** approach

The **laissez-faire** economic policy allowed businesses to operate with minimal government intervention.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym : broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

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.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym: blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

hipster

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

synonym: trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym: declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de___r my way | <i>v.</i> to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly |
| 2. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 3. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 4. the to__h of learning | <i>n.</i> a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle |
| 5. pu_____ng questions | <i>adj.</i> confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious |
| 6. mi_____t worker | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 7. pri_____ze tasks | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 8. a race for su_____cy | <i>n.</i> the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status |
| 9. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |

ANSWERS: 1. devour, 2. elector, 3. creditor, 4. torch, 5. puzzling, 6. migrant, 7. prioritize, 8. supremacy, 9. determinant

10. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
11. lai_____ire approach *n.* an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices
12. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
13. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
14. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
15. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
16. lai_____ire attitude *n.* an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices
17. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
18. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 10. unequal, 11. laissez-faire, 12. unequal, 13. obsession, 14. regress, 15. fascist, 16. laissez-faire, 17. silo, 18. regress

19. complex in_____ay *n.* the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other
20. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
21. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. des_____ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
23. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
24. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
25. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
26. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
27. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 19. interplay, 20. dread, 21. determinant, 22. destabilize, 23. weave, 24. migrant, 25. silo, 26. incarceration, 27. spur

28. global ca_____sm *n.* a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war
29. railway ele_____ion *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
30. hi_____r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
31. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
32. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
33. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
34. j__t entire social systems *v.* to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock
35. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
36. de____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 28. cataclysm, 29. electrification, 30. hipster, 31. creditor, 32. obsession, 33. elector, 34. jolt, 35. puzzling, 36. devour

37. gl_____g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
38. su_____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
39. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
40. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
41. existential ca_____sm *n.* a sudden violent event that changes the earth's environment, such as a flood or a war
42. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
43. the aft_____ck of a traumatic event *n.* a tremor or series of tremors that follows a larger earthquake
44. hi_____r lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
45. ele_____ion current *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 37. glaring, 38. supremacy, 39. torch, 40. carve, 41. cataclysm, 42. fascist, 43. aftershock, 44. hipster, 45. electrification

46. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
47. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
48. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
49. j__t of excitement *v.* to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock
50. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
51. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
52. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
53. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
54. gl_____g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
55. ma_____to statement *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

ANSWERS: 46. egalitarian, 47. destabilize, 48. carve, 49. jolt, 50. overwhelm, 51. drown, 52. prioritize, 53. thirst, 54. glaring, 55. manifesto

56. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
57. in_____ay among neurons *n.* the way in which two or more things interact or influence each other
58. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
59. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
60. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
61. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
62. ut_____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
63. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
64. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
65. th__t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
66. environmental ma_____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

ANSWERS: 56. widen, 57. interplay, 58. unimaginable, 59. dread, 60. drown, 61. weave, 62. utopian, 63. unimaginable, 64. utopian, 65. thirst, 66. manifesto

67. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
68. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
69. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
70. aft_____ck magnitude *n.* a tremor or series of tremors that follows a larger earthquake
71. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
72. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 67. incarceration, 68. overwhelm, 69. widen, 70. aftershock, 71. egalitarian, 72. spur

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He felt the _____ of the earthquake while he was still recovering from the initial shock.
n. a tremor or series of tremors that follows a larger earthquake

2. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

3. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

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ANSWERS: 8. electrification, 9. unimaginable, 10. destabilized, 11. manifesto, 12. weaves, 13. jolted, 14. cataclysm

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ANSWERS: 23. migrant, 24. overwhelm, 25. devoured, 26. interplay, 27. obsession, 28. drown, 29. determinant, 30. silo

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- v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
32. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
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34. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
- adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
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- adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
36. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 31. prioritized, 32. carved, 33. puzzling, 34. unequal, 35. utopian, 36. dread