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Session 1: Word List

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**
The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym : brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

emancipate

v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

synonym : liberate, free, release

(1) **emancipate** a slave, (2) **emancipate** him from anxiety

The organization works to **emancipate** people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym : celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

unforgettable

adj. impossible to forget

synonym: indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment

The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

bracket

n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

synonym : support, holder, frame

(1) **bracket** placement, (2) tax **bracket**

I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy **brackets**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**
He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

pidgin

n. a simplified form of a language that develops as a means of communication between different groups who do not share a common language, often combining elements from different languages

synonym : jargon, argot, lingua franca

(1) Creole **Pidgin**, (2) **pidgin** English

In a multicultural city, people often communicate in **pidgin** languages.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

snoop

v. to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property

synonym : spy, pry, eavesdrop

(1) **snoop** around the house, (2) **snoop** for information

The nosy neighbor liked to **snoop** around and eavesdrop on other people's conversations.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

repatriate

v. to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled

synonym : return, bring back

(1) **repatriate** capital, (2) **repatriate** prisoners

The government has agreed to **repatriate** refugees back to their home countries.

vocalize

v. to express something such as feelings or ideas in words

synonym : sing, chant, descant

(1) **vocalize** long input text, (2) **vocalize** his belief

City residents continue to **vocalize** their discontent.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
2. di____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
3. vo____ze his belief *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
4. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
5. sa____e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
6. bi____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
7. oppressive co____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
8. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
9. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 1. colonial, 2. diaspora, 3. vocalize, 4. communal, 5. savage, 6. billboard, 7. colonial, 8. singe, 9. pyramid

10. Creole Pi___n *n.* a simplified form of a language that develops as a means of communication between different groups who do not share a common language, often combining elements from different languages
11. fight vi___l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
12. reply in a sa___e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
13. rep_____te capital *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
14. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
15. a statistical ch___t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
16. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
17. sn___p around the house *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
18. vo_____ze long input text *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
19. pi___n English *n.* a simplified form of a language that develops as a means of communication between different groups who do not share a common language, often combining elements from different languages

ANSWERS: 10. pidgin, 11. viral, 12. savage, 13. repatriate, 14. statistics, 15. chart, 16. courageous, 17. snoop, 18. vocalize, 19. pidgin

20. tax br____t *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
21. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
22. digital bi____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
23. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
24. have an unf____ble night *adj.* impossible to forget
25. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
26. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
27. source of ins____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
28. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
29. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 20. bracket, 21. ignore, 22. billboard, 23. chart, 24. unforgettable, 25. onstage, 26. mindset, 27. inspiration, 28. rhythm, 29. statistics

30. ema_____te him from anxiety *v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
31. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
32. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
33. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
34. unf_____ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
35. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
36. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
37. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
38. rep_____te prisoners *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
39. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
40. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
41. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 30. emancipate, 31. normally, 32. spiritual, 33. normally, 34. unforgettable, 35. inspiration, 36. singe, 37. president, 38. repatriate, 39. entertainment, 40. vibrant, 41. mainstream

42. sn__p for information *v.* to investigate or pry into something in a stealthy or nosy manner; to snoop through someone else's possessions or property
43. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
44. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
45. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
46. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
47. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
48. ema_____te a slave *v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
49. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
50. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
51. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
52. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
53. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
54. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 42. snoop, 43. entertainment, 44. ignore, 45. rhythm, 46. superstar, 47. wan, 48. emancipate, 49. prime, 50. vibrant, 51. communal, 52. onstage, 53. soar, 54. mainstream

55. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
56. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
57. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
58. br_____t placement *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
59. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
60. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
61. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
62. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
63. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
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65. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 55. president, 56. spiritual, 57. diaspora, 58. bracket, 59. prime, 60. courageous, 61. superstar, 62. wan, 63. mindset, 64. pyramid, 65. viral

66. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
67. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
68. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 66. influence, 67. soar, 68. influence

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic
2. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
3. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
4. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
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v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

ANSWERS: 1. prime, 2. diaspora, 3. vibrant, 4. soared, 5. repatriate, 6. brackets, 7. spiritual, 8. emancipate

9. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
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n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
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adj. impossible to forget

ANSWERS: 17. pyramids, 18. viral, 19. billboard, 20. savage, 21. ignored, 22. superstar, 23. Communal, 24. wan, 25. unforgettable

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