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Session 1: Word List

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

microplastic

n. tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

(1) **microplastic** particle, (2) **microplastic** pollution in the sea

Several scholars have pointed out that inhalation of **microplastics** may have adverse effects on the human body.

mascara

n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes

synonym: eyeliner, kohl

(1) waterproof **mascara**, (2) **mascara** smudge

She applied the **mascara** to her lashes for a dramatic look.

polystyrene

n. a lightweight, thermoplastic polymer material used in the manufacture of a wide range of products, including packaging, insulation, and consumer goods

(1) **polystyrene** foam, (2) **polystyrene** packaging

The construction industry often utilizes **polystyrene** insulation panels to improve building energy efficiency.

flotation

n. the act or process of floating or the state of being buoyant in a liquid, often used in the context of flotation therapy where individuals float in a tank or pool containing a highly buoyant saltwater solution, often for relaxation or therapeutic purposes; (of finance) the process of a company 'going public' - that is, the transition of a private company to a publicly traded one

synonym: buoyancy, floating

(1) **flotation** device, (2) the **flotation** on the stock market

The **flotation** suit kept the diver buoyant and able to move freely in the water.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym: bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

lint

n. small fibers or fluff that accumulate on clothing, fabric, or other surfaces, typically as a result of wear or friction

synonym: fluff, fuzz, dust

(1) **lint** roller, (2) cotton **lint**

I must remove the **lint** from my clothes before leaving the house.

sequin

n. a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment

synonym: bead, spangle, paillette

(1) **sequin** dress, (2) gold **sequin**

Her dress was covered in shimmering **sequins** that caught the light.

glare

v. to shine with a bright, harsh, or dazzling light; to stare fiercely or angrily, often with a piercing or threatening gaze; (noun) a strong, bright, and often harsh or uncomfortable light that can be blinding or difficult to look at directly

synonym: glower, stare, scowl

(1) the **glare** of the sun, (2) **glare** at my opponent

The sun **glared** down on us, making it difficult to see without squinting our eyes.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

zooplankton

n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed

(1) freshwater **zooplankton**, (2) floating **zooplankton**

The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of **zooplankton** in marine areas.

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.

abrasion

n. the process of scraping or wearing away of a surface or substance through friction or erosion

synonym: scrape, scratch, graze

(1) skin **abrasions**, (2) protect against **abrasions**

The surface of the wooden table had several **abrasions** from years of use.

leach

v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

synonym: drain, filter, strain

(1) **leach** into the brewed coffee, (2) **leach** calcium from the bones

The chemicals from the landfill have begun to **leach** into the groundwater.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

micron

n. a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms

synonym: micrometer

(1) **micron** measurements, (2) **micron** imaging

The width of a single human hair is around 100 **microns**.

shellfish

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

synonym: clam, mollusk

(1) **shellfish** allergy, (2) edible **shellfish**

Shellfish can cause allergic reactions in certain people.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

oyster

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

synonym: shellfish, clam, mussel

(1) **oyster** shell, (2) **oyster** farm

I ordered a dozen **oysters** as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

poly

n. (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer

synonym : plastic, polymer, resin

(1) reclosable **poly** bag, (2) biodegradable **poly**

We store all of our drinking water in a large **poly** tank on the roof of our house.

whopping

adj. extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock

synonym : enormous, gigantic, massive

(1) **whopping** price, (2) **whopping** success

The new smartphone has a **whopping** 1TB of storage space.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

obsolescence

n. the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes

synonym : outdatedness, antiquity, disuse

(1) planned **obsolescence**, (2) technological **obsolescence**

The rapid pace of technological advances has led to the **obsolescence** of many older products.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

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.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____sh a classic car
v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
2. de_____ve practices
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
3. reclosable p__y bag
n. (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer
4. heavily re_____t on oil
adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
5. bu___w into a mystery
v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
6. em_____ss my project
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
7. technological obs_____nce
n. the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes
8. shuck a c__m
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

ANSWERS: 1. refurbish, 2. deceptive, 3. poly, 4. reliant, 5. burrow, 6. embarrass, 7. obsolescence, 8. clam

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| 9. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 10. career tra_____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 11. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 12. floating zoo_____on | <i>n.</i> very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed |
| 13. 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 |
| 14. waterproof ma_____a | <i>n.</i> a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes |
| 15. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 16. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 17. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 18. sh_____sh allergy | <i>n.</i> water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten |
| 19. wh_____ng success | <i>adj.</i> extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock |
| 20. mi____n imaging | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms |

ANSWERS: 9. rethink, 10. trajectory, 11. opportune, 12. zooplankton, 13. mammal, 14. mascara, 15. resilient, 16. industrious, 17. recycle, 18. shellfish, 19. whopping, 20. micron

21. 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
22. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
23. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
24. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
25. edible sh_____sh *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
26. wh_____ng price *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
27. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
28. gl__e at my opponent *v.* to shine with a bright, harsh, or dazzling light; to stare fiercely or angrily, often with a piercing or threatening gaze; (noun) a strong, bright, and often harsh or uncomfortable light that can be blinding or difficult to look at directly
29. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

ANSWERS: 21. mammal, 22. glitter, 23. tuck, 24. repurpose, 25. shellfish, 26. whopping, 27. recycle, 28. glare, 29. reliant

30. pe___t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
31. freshwater zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
32. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
33. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
34. l__t roller *n.* small fibers or fluff that accumulate on clothing, fabric, or other surfaces, typically as a result of wear or friction
35. biodegradable p__y *n.* (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer
36. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
37. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
39. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
40. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 30. pellet, 31. zooplankton, 32. rethink, 33. embarrass, 34. lint, 35. poly, 36. refurbish, 37. industrious, 38. trajectory, 39. resilient, 40. sew

41. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
42. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. fl_____on device *n.* the act or process of floating or the state of being buoyant in a liquid, often used in the context of flotation therapy where individuals float in a tank or pool containing a highly buoyant saltwater solution, often for relaxation or therapeutic purposes; (of finance) the process of a company 'going public' - that is, the transition of a private company to a publicly traded one
44. oy____r farm *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
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ANSWERS: 41. microbe, 42. opportune, 43. flotation, 44. oyster, 45. polystyrene, 46. flotation

47. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
48. le__h calcium from the bones *v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock
49. planned obs_____nce *n.* the process of becoming obsolete or outdated; the state of being no longer useable or relevant due to technological or social changes
50. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
51. oy___r shell *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
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ANSWERS: 47. secondhand, 48. leach, 49. obsolescence, 50. intrigue, 51. oyster, 52. secondhand, 53. glare, 54. pellet, 55. microbe

56. protect against ab_____ons *n.* the process of scraping or wearing away of a surface or substance through friction or erosion
57. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
58. bu___w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
59. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
60. cotton l___t *n.* small fibers or fluff that accumulate on clothing, fabric, or other surfaces, typically as a result of wear or friction
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65. mic_____tic pollution in the sea *n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

ANSWERS: 56. abrasion, 57. contaminate, 58. burrow, 59. arctic, 60. lint, 61. sequin, 62. polystyrene, 63. clam, 64. glitter, 65. microplastic

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 24. reliant, 25. obsolescence, 26. glittered, 27. intrigues, 28. lint, 29. trajectory, 30. industrious, 31. glared

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34. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.
- n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
35. You can't _____ through solid metal.
- v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
36. She applied the _____ to her lashes for a dramatic look.
- n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
37. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.
- adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
38. Her dress was covered in shimmering _____ that caught the light.
- n.* a decorative item consisting of a small, shiny disc or bead typically sewn onto clothing for added embellishment
39. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 32. polystyrene, 33. microns, 34. pellet, 35. burrow, 36. mascara, 37. deceptive, 38. sequins, 39. contaminate

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