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Session 1: Word List

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym : level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying
They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym : tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious

and **yelled** at me.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

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.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

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.

interweave

v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

synonym: intertwine, intertwist, interlace

(1) **interweave** threads, (2) **interweave** ideas

The author expertly tried to **interweave** the story's plot and characters.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

lifeblood

n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

synonym: essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym: limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

squelch

v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

synonym : squish, slosh, splash

(1) **squelch** a rumor, (2) **squelch** a rebellion

She had to **squelch** her anger before she spoke to her boss about the issue.

expedient

adj. convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage

synonym : advantageous, practical, convenient

(1) **expedient** solution, (2) **expedient** decision

Using public transportation is an **expedient** way to reduce traffic congestion.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym : imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

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.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym : review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym : regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

complicity

n. the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime

synonym : collusion, conspiracy, connivance

(1) religious **complicity**, (2) deny **complicity**

The investigation revealed his **complicity** in the crime.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the li_____od of every organization *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
2. video game re____e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
3. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
4. ge_____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
5. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
6. int_____ve ideas *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
7. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. lifeblood, 2. remake, 3. resilient, 4. gentrify, 5. redefine, 6. interweave, 7. entitle

8. re___e song
- v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
9. non-syn_____us mutation
- adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
10. di_____ce the explosive power
- v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
11. with hindsight ret_____ct
- n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
12. bl___t a crop
- v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
13. ex_____nt solution
- adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage

ANSWERS: 8. remake, 9. synonymous, 10. displace, 11. retrospect, 12. blight, 13. expedient

14. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
15. as_____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
16. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
17. per ca____a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
18. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
19. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
20. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
21. coral-reef sh_____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea

ANSWERS: 14. resilient, 15. asphalt, 16. asphalt, 17. capita, 18. displace, 19. redefine, 20. capita, 21. shoreline

22. sq_____h a rumor *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
23. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
24. bl____t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
25. the li_____od of the economy *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
26. bo_____ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless
27. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
28. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
29. deny com_____ty *n.* the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime
30. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

ANSWERS: 22. squelch, 23. elevate, 24. blight, 25. lifeblood, 26. boundless, 27. entitle, 28. impending, 29. complicity, 30. agony

31. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
32. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
33. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
34. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
35. sh_____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
36. 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
37. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
38. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
39. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
40. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
41. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 31. empower, 32. impending, 33. brainstorming, 34. yell, 35. shoreline, 36. weave, 37. reckon, 38. agony, 39. tweet, 40. bulldoze, 41. reckon

42. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
43. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
44. int_____ve threads *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
45. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
46. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
47. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
48. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
49. religious com_____ty *n.* the state of being involved with others in an illegal, harmful, or shameful act; the act of assisting or collaborating with someone else in wrongdoing or crime
50. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
51. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
52. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 42. bliss, 43. incarceration, 44. interweave, 45. rethink, 46. tweet, 47. trump, 48. trump, 49. complicity, 50. empower, 51. synonymous, 52. brainstorming

53. re____k the role of the manager v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
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61. sq____h a rebellion v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

ANSWERS: 53. rethink, 54. gentrify, 55. bulldoze, 56. bliss, 57. elevate, 58. incarceration, 59. weave, 60. yell, 61. squelch

62. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
63. ex_____nt decision *adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; (noun) a means or method that is chosen as the best or most practical way to achieve a particular result; a resource or device used for convenience or advantage
64. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
65. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
66. bo_____ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless

ANSWERS: 62. laborer, 63. expedient, 64. laborer, 65. retrospect, 66. boundless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
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