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Session 1: Word List

- ace** *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
synonym : expert, master, champion
(1) tennis **ace**, (2) **ace** in the hole
He was an **ace** at playing poker and often won the game.
- geography** *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
synonym : landscape, terrain, topography
(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**
She did well on her **geography** exam.
- locate** *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
synonym : discover, find, place
(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor
The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.
- 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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

gag

v. to prevent or restrict speech or expression, often through force or intimidation; to bind or cover the mouth

to prevent speech; to cause someone to retch or choke;
(noun) a device that is placed over someone's mouth to prevent them from speaking or making noise; an order that prohibits a person or group from discussing a particular topic or sharing certain information with others

synonym: muzzle, silence, suppress

(1) **gag** order, (2) **gag** a newspaper

The prisoner was **gagged** to prevent him from shouting for help.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

consolidate

v. to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

synonym: crystallize, concentrate, cement

(1) **consolidate** his debt, (2) **consolidate** a leadership

The two universities will **consolidate** in July next year.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

pique

n. a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation

synonym: irritation, resentment, annoyance

(1) out of **pique**, (2) **pique** the curiosity

He slammed the door in a fit of **pique**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

slow-wave

n. a type of brain wave that occurs during deep sleep, characterized by low frequency and high amplitude

synonym: delta wave, delta rhythm

(1) **slow-wave** sleep, (2) **slow-wave** circuit

The **slow-wave** activity in his brain indicated that he was in a deep sleep phase.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

REM

n. (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

(1) **REM** sleep cycle, (2) **REM** sleep behavior disorder

REM sleep deprivation has been linked to various adverse effects on mood, memory, and cognitive function.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym: floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

- cue** *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
synonym : signal, sign, hint
(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**
The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.
- hypothesis** *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory
(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**
This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.
- amazing** *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful
(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.
- magic** *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry
(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.
- skeptic** *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner
(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**
He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- fragile** *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem
The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym: inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

Session 2: Spelling

1. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

2. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

3. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

4. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

5. en___e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

6. R_M sleep cycle *n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

7. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

8. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

9. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 1. hack, 2. geography, 3. tricky, 4. engine, 5. enhance, 6. REM, 7. flash, 8. hypothesis, 9. amazing

10. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
11. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
12. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
13. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
14. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
15. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
16. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
17. a_e in the hole *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

ANSWERS: 10. react, 11. delta, 12. colleague, 13. process, 14. cue, 15. transfer, 16. curiosity, 17. ace

18. tr___y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
19. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
20. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
21. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
22. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
23. pi__e the curiosity *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
24. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
25. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
26. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
27. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 18. tricky, 19. nap, 20. pause, 21. couch, 22. suddenly, 23. pique, 24. ken, 25. process, 26. prone, 27. colleague

28. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
29. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
30. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
31. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
32. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
33. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
34. climate sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
35. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
36. sl_____ve sleep *n.* a type of brain wave that occurs during deep sleep, characterized by low frequency and high amplitude
37. out of pi__e *n.* a feeling of irritation or resentment, often caused by a perceived slight or insult; (verb) to cause to feel resentment or indignation
38. con_____te a leadership *v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain
39. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 28. phase, 29. experiment, 30. fragile, 31. experiment, 32. electrical, 33. locate, 34. skeptic, 35. magic, 36. slow-wave, 37. pique, 38. consolidate, 39. pause

40. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
41. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
42. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
43. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
44. g_g order *v.* to prevent or restrict speech or expression, often through force or intimidation; to bind or cover the mouth to prevent speech; to cause someone to retch or choke; (noun) a device that is placed over someone's mouth to prevent them from speaking or making noise; an order that prohibits a person or group from discussing a particular topic or sharing certain information with others
45. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
46. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
47. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
48. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 40. improve, 41. curiosity, 42. strengthen, 43. ken, 44. gag, 45. nap, 46. phase, 47. delta, 48. embarrass

49. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
50. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
51. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
52. sl_____ve circuit *n.* a type of brain wave that occurs during deep sleep, characterized by low frequency and high amplitude
53. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
54. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
55. R_M sleep behavior disorder *n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming
56. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
57. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
58. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
59. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 49. engine, 50. stable, 51. represent, 52. slow-wave, 53. locate, 54. journal, 55. REM, 56. flash, 57. react, 58. cue, 59. suddenly

60. tennis a_e *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
61. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
62. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
63. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
64. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
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ANSWERS: 60. ace, 61. incredible, 62. brain, 63. prone, 64. stable, 65. embarrass, 66. consolidate, 67. hypothesis, 68. skeptic, 69. gag

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ANSWERS: 70. transfer, 71. hack, 72. brain, 73. represent, 74. geography, 75. incredible, 76. journal, 77. magic, 78. strengthen, 79. improve, 80. couch

81. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
82. en____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
83. degree in ele____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
84. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 81. amazing, 82. enhance, 83. electrical, 84. fragile

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The two universities will _____ in July next year.
 - v. to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

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 - n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

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adj. relating to electricity

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33. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

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ANSWERS: 42. prone