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Session 1: Word List

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym : snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym : contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

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.

leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

synonym : hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

triage

n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym : sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym : revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym : renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

stardom

n. the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

synonym: fame, acclaim, celebrity

(1) rise to **stardom**, (2) chance at **stardom**

The actress shot to **stardom** in a few years.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding
That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

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.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym:

successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

Session 2: Spelling

1. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
2. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
3. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
4. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
5. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
6. 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
7. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
8. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
9. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
10. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
11. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

ANSWERS: 1. firsthand, 2. sow, 3. hopeless, 4. electrify, 5. prosperous, 6. spur, 7. famine, 8. prosperous, 9. filmmaker, 10. prehistoric, 11. reconsider

12. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
13. re____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
14. a successful fi____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
15. fl__ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
16. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
17. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
18. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
19. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
20. mu____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
21. mu____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
22. ill____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
23. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 12. pave, 13. rebirth, 14. filmmaker, 15. flick, 16. famine, 17. nuanced, 18. industrious, 19. summon, 20. mundane, 21. mundane, 22. illuminate, 23. sow

24. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
25. d___l for honor *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
26. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
27. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
28. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
29. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
30. le_____og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
31. undergo a re_____h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
32. su_____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
33. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
34. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
35. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

ANSWERS: 24. confer, 25. duel, 26. Newtonian, 27. untapped, 28. marvelous, 29. prehistoric, 30. leapfrog, 31. rebirth, 32. summon, 33. firsthand, 34. nuanced, 35. marvelous

36. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
37. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
38. chance at st____m *n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
39. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
40. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
41. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
42. le_____og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
43. rise to st____m *n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
44. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
45. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
46. tr___e nurse *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

ANSWERS: 36. pave, 37. poetic, 38. stardom, 39. poetic, 40. reconsider, 41. untapped, 42. leapfrog, 43. stardom, 44. pervasive, 45. hopeless, 46. triage

47. di____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
48. Ne_____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
49. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
50. sword d__l *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
51. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
52. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
53. 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
54. tr___e system *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
55. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
56. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
57. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 47. distort, 48. Newtonian, 49. pervasive, 50. duel, 51. distort, 52. akin, 53. spur, 54. triage, 55. akin, 56. resurgence, 57. confer

58. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
59. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
60. fl__k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
61. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
62. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 58. resurgence, 59. illuminate, 60. flick, 61. electrify, 62. industrious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.
n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
2. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
adj. not yet used or exploited
4. The phoenix is a symbol of _____ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.
n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
5. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
6. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
7. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. duel, 2. confer, 3. untapped, 4. rebirth, 5. flicked, 6. poetic, 7. electrify

8. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.
adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
9. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
11. He humbly _____ his conduct.
v. to think about a decision or opinion again to
12. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a _____ center to assist with medical emergencies.
n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
13. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.
v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
14. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
15. During recess, the children played a game of _____ in the schoolyard.
n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
16. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. prehistorical, 9. industrious, 10. marvelous, 11. reconsidered, 12. triage, 13. illuminated, 14. prosperous, 15. leapfrog, 16. spur

17. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
18. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
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20. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
21. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
22. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
23. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
24. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
25. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
26. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 17. hopeless, 18. famine, 19. firsthand, 20. sowed, 21. nuanced, 22. pervasive, 23. Newtonian, 24. mundane, 25. filmmaker, 26. distort

27. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
- v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
28. The actress shot to _____ in a few years.
- n.* the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
29. Her interests are _____ to mine.
- adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
30. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
31. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.
- n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 27. summoning, 28. stardom, 29. akin, 30. paved, 31. resurgence