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Session 1: Word List

housemate

n. a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space

synonym: roommate, flatmate, co-tenant

(1) **housemate** agreement, (2) friendly **housemate**

I am looking for a new **housemate** to take the spare room in my apartment.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

housework

n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

synonym: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to

control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

motley

adj. consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored

synonym : varied, piebald, heterogeneous

(1) **motley** outfit, (2) **motley** assortment

The circus performers entertained the crowd with their **motley** costumes and impressive acrobatics.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym : dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

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.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

sedentary

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

synonym: inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym : obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

pseudonym

n. a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

synonym : anonym, alias, nickname

(1) hide behind a **pseudonym**, (2) digital **pseudonym**

The author published these writings under a **pseudonym**.

weld

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

synonym : fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes

He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym : admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation
This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

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.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

ovulation

n. the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

synonym : egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the

chills.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

synonym: listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot

I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

profiler

n. a person or tool used for creating a detailed profile or analysis, often referring to psychologists, criminal investigators, or software designed to analyze and predict behavior

(1) **profiler** software, (2) psychological **profiler**

The criminal **profiler** analyzed the behavioral patterns of the suspect to aid in solving the crime.

unmask

v. to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses

synonym: reveal, expose, uncover

(1) **unmask** the thief, (2) **unmask** a lie

The whistleblower was determined to **unmask** the corrupt politician.

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.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

actuary

n. a professional who uses mathematical and statistical methods to assess, analyze, and manage risk and uncertainty, particularly in insurance, finance, and pensions, and calculate the likelihood and financial impact of future events

synonym: statistician, risk analyst, mathematician

(1) insurance **actuary**, (2) certified **actuary**

The **actuary's** calculations showed that the insurance company would need to raise premiums to offset a potentially costly risk.

gait

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

synonym : pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**

The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

hermit

n. a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude

synonym : recluse, solitary, anchorite

(1) **hermit** lifestyle, (2) mountain **hermit**

The **hermit-monk** spent his entire life in solitary contemplation, far from the world's hustle.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

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.

hairdresser

n. a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

synonym: stylist, coiffeur, beauty professional

(1) personal **hairdresser**, (2) get a haircut at a **hairdresser**

The world-famous **hairdresser** transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

indiscriminately

adv. done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration

synonym: haphazardly, randomly, willy-nilly

(1) act **indiscriminately**, (2) lay off employees

indiscriminately

The soldiers fired their weapons **indiscriminately** during the battle.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. of_____e course | <i>adj.</i> not connected to the internet |
| 2. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 3. w__d two broken pipes | <i>v.</i> to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse |
| 4. age-related ai_____t | <i>n.</i> a slight but often persistent illness |
| 5. po_____ss task | <i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless |
| 6. inhibit ov_____on | <i>n.</i> the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg |
| 7. un___k a lie | <i>v.</i> to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses |
| 8. friendly ho_____te | <i>n.</i> a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space |
| 9. mo___y outfit | <i>adj.</i> consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored |
| 10. ch_____h a stuffed animal | <i>v.</i> to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. offline, 2. empower, 3. weld, 4. ailment, 5. pointless, 6. ovulation, 7. unmask, 8. housemate, 9. motley, 10. cherish

11. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
12. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
13. mo____y assortment *adj.* consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored
14. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
15. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
16. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
17. brisk g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
18. hide behind a ps_____ym *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

ANSWERS: 11. uncover, 12. obsessive, 13. motley, 14. anecdotal, 15. anecdotal, 16. accuse, 17. gait, 18. pseudonym

19. se_____ry desk job *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
20. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
21. am__s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
22. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
23. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
24. heart ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
25. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
26. cr____y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
27. act ind_____ely *adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
28. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
29. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
30. w__d a team of such people *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

ANSWERS: 19. sedentary, 20. pinpoint, 21. amass, 22. empower, 23. reckless, 24. ailment, 25. creditor, 26. creepy, 27. indiscriminately, 28. footprint, 29. reconsider, 30. weld

31. un___k the thief *v.* to reveal the true identity, nature, or motives of someone or something that has been concealed or hidden; to expose falsehoods and pretenses
32. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
33. mountain he___t *n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
34. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
35. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
36. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
37. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
38. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 31. unmask, 32. app, 33. hermit, 34. disparate, 35. ostensible, 36. takeaway, 37. amass, 38. rev

39. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
40. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
41. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
42. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
43. protect an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
44. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
45. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
46. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
47. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 39. obsessive, 40. benign, 41. cherish, 42. disparate, 43. anonymity, 44. hospitalize, 45. sway, 46. trustworthy, 47. rev

48. lay off employees
ind_____ely
49. he___t lifestyle
50. feel cr___y
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52. hos_____ze child
53. po_____ss argument
54. ind_____us worker
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56. mi__c a human voice
57. pr_____er software
- adv.* done without any distinction or selection; randomly or without careful consideration
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- v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
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58. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
59. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
60. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
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66. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
67. ea_____op conversation *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

ANSWERS: 58. trump, 59. takeaway, 60. sway, 61. uncover, 62. anonymity, 63. pinpoint, 64. ovulation, 65. creditor, 66. smartphone, 67. eavesdrop

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He learned how to _____ metal in his high school shop class.
 - v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

2. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
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3. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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14. The soldiers fired their weapons _____ during the battle.
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- adj.* consisting of a diverse or varied mixture of things or people; variegated or patchwork in appearance; multi-colored
20. His _____ lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.
- adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
21. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
- adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 16. actuary's, 17. hairdresser, 18. sway, 19. motley, 20. sedentary, 21. industrious, 22. benign,

23. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
adj. not connected to the internet
24. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are _____ due to a lack of helpful evidence.
adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
25. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
26. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.
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v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
34. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
35. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
36. The _____ spent his entire life in solitary contemplation, far from the world's hustle.
n. a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
37. He humbly _____ his conduct.
v. to think about a decision or opinion again to
38. The woman tracked her _____ using a fertility app on her smartphone.
n. the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

ANSWERS: 31. anonymity, 32. pinpoints, 33. eavesdropped, 34. uncovered, 35. trump, 36. hermit-monk, 37. reconsidered, 38. ovulation

39. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
40. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
41. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
42. _____ youth makes rueful age.
adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
43. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
44. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
45. She didn't mind doing the _____ as long as it kept her busy and productive.
n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
46. I am looking for a new _____ to take the spare room in my apartment.
n. a person with whom one shares a house, apartment, or living space

ANSWERS: 39. empowered, 40. creepy, 41. disparate, 42. Reckless, 43. cherished, 44. footprint, 45. housework, 46. housemate