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Session 1: Word List

envious

adj. feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

synonym : jealous, covetous, green-eyed

(1) **envious** gaze, (2) feel **envious**

She was **envious** of her friend's success in the stock market.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym : distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed

themselves.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

pedigree

n. the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals

synonym: lineage, ancestry, genealogy

(1) family **pedigree**, (2) **pedigree** chart

The dog's **pedigree** proved that it came from a long line of champion show dogs.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

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.

tryout

n. a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role

synonym: audition, test, trial

(1) **tryout** audition, (2) sports **tryout**

She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading **tryouts**, hoping to make the team.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

stint

n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

synonym: period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

synonym: abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying
He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

attic

n. a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space

synonym: loft, garret, crawlspace

(1) **attic** space, (2) dusty **attic**

I found an old photo album in the spacious **attic** filled with pictures of my grandparents when they were young.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

- (1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,
- (2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. family pe_____ee | <i>n.</i> the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals |
| 2. do im_____ve buying | <i>adj.</i> acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have |
| 3. poison i_y | <i>n.</i> an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings |
| 4. ov_____ok a street | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 5. oxygenic pho_____sis | <i>n.</i> the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities. |
| 6. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 7. com_____ion of structure | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused |
| 8. dusty at__c | <i>n.</i> a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space |

ANSWERS: 1. pedigree, 2. impulsive, 3. ivy, 4. overlook, 5. photosynthesis, 6. cofounder, 7. complication, 8. attic

9. at__c space *n.* a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space
10. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
11. teaching cre_____al *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
12. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
13. feel di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
14. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
15. eq___e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
16. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
17. st__t of work *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

ANSWERS: 9. attic, 10. headlight, 11. credential, 12. photosynthesis, 13. dismay, 14. ivy, 15. equate, 16. excite, 17. stint

18. dance au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
19. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
21. prison st__t *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
22. tr___t audition *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
23. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
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25. flop down in di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
26. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 18. audition, 19. opportune, 20. cofounder, 21. stint, 22. tryout, 23. amplify, 24. credential, 25. dismay, 26. augment

27. music au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
28. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
29. en____s gaze *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
30. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
31. an im____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
32. resolve without com____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
33. pe____ee chart *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
34. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
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ANSWERS: 27. audition, 28. amplify, 29. envious, 30. overlook, 31. impulsive, 32. complication, 33. pedigree, 34. excite, 35. envious

36. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
37. sports tr___t *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
38. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
39. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading _____ hoping to make the team.
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n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

ANSWERS: 7. excited, 8. audition, 9. stint, 10. augmented, 11. equate, 12. dismay, 13. complications, 14. ivy

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