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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**
The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

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.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**
He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**
She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

episodic

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

synonym: intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event
The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**
The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

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.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym : suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym : principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

admonition

n. a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed

synonym : reprimand, warning, caution

(1) **admonition** letter, (2) gentle **admonition**

The teacher gave an **admonition** to the students about the importance of submitting their assignments on time.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

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.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

metacognitive

adj. relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities

synonym: introspective, self-aware, self-reflective

(1) **metacognitive** strategies, (2) **metacognitive** reflection

Developing **metacognitive** skills can enhance learning and problem-solving abilities.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

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**.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

broccoli

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of

decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

gravitation

n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

synonym: attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

throwback

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

synonym: relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. th_____ck memories | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept |
| 2. bi__e on social media | <i>n.</i> a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence |
| 3. s__n an audience | <i>v.</i> to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly |
| 4. universal gra_____on | <i>n.</i> the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass |
| 5. dis_____ate amount | <i>adj.</i> too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence |
| 6. up___t mountains | <i>n.</i> the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits |
| 7. asp_____on into the lungs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 8. s__n fish | <i>v.</i> to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly |

ANSWERS: 1. throwback, 2. binge, 3. stun, 4. gravitation, 5. disproportionate, 6. uplift, 7. aspiration, 8. stun

9. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
10. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
11. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
12. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
13. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
14. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
15. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
16. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
17. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
18. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
19. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 9. billionaire, 10. yell, 11. disproportionate, 12. amaze, 13. fascinate, 14. binge, 15. wasteland, 16. unintentional, 17. aspiration, 18. rot, 19. obsess

20. pr____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
21. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
22. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
23. met_____ive reflection *adj.* relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
24. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
25. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
26. br____li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
27. terrestrial gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
28. stumble on a tr__e *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

ANSWERS: 20. presume, 21. nourishing, 22. philanthropy, 23. metacognitive, 24. stimming, 25. billionaire, 26. broccoli, 27. gravitation, 28. trove

29. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
30. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
31. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
32. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
33. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
34. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
35. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
36. ep_____ic story *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
37. met_____ive strategies *adj.* relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
38. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 29. obsess, 30. reckless, 31. ethos, 32. curate, 33. uplift, 34. ethos, 35. brilliantly, 36. episodic, 37. metacognitive, 38. upfront

39. adm_____on letter *n.* a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed
40. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
41. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
42. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
43. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
44. 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
45. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
46. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 39. admonition, 40. reed, 41. wasteland, 42. rot, 43. blockbuster, 44. rev, 45. paranoia, 46. horrific

47. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
48. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
49. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
50. a young bud of r__d *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
51. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
52. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
53. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
54. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
55. musical th_____ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
56. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 47. excite, 48. addict, 49. fascinate, 50. reed, 51. stimming, 52. brilliantly, 53. motto, 54. philanthropy, 55. throwback, 56. excite

57. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
58. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
59. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
60. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
61. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
62. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
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64. ep_____ic event *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
65. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
66. 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: 57. amaze, 58. nourishing, 59. blockbuster, 60. motto, 61. paranoia, 62. unintentional, 63. horrific, 64. episodic, 65. presume, 66. rev

67. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
68. pay up____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
69. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
70. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
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72. gentle adm____on *n.* a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed
73. tr__e of information *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
74. frozen br____li *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

ANSWERS: 67. yell, 68. upfront, 69. curate, 70. addict, 71. reckless, 72. admonition, 73. trove, 74. broccoli

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
2. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
3. The teacher gave an _____ to the students about the importance of submitting their assignments on time.
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ANSWERS: 8. amazed, 9. yelled, 10. fascinated, 11. nourishing, 12. uplift, 13. episodic, 14. metacognitive, 15. Reckless

16. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

17. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

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21. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

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23. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

ANSWERS: 16. motto, 17. rot, 18. trove, 19. curate, 20. philanthropy, 21. billionaire, 22. binge-watching, 23. unintentional

24. He didn't like _____ floret and avoided eating it.

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

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ANSWERS: 24. broccoli, 25. disproportionate, 26. stimming, 27. brilliantly, 28. horrific, 29. excited, 30. blockbuster, 31. gravitation

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