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Session 1: Word List

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something
synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers
Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

crouch

v. to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen
synonym: bend down, squat, stoop

(1) **crouch** into a ball, (2) **crouch** around a fire
He **crouched** down behind the bushes to avoid being seen.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

cubicle

n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

synonym: compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

wrack

n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

synonym: wreckage, ruins, debris

(1) go to **wrack**, (2) **wrack** my brain

The **wrack** left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

synonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

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.

sisterhood

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

synonym : sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

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**.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym : lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

menstrual

adj. of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month

synonym : catamenial

(1) a **menstrual** period, (2) **menstrual** blood

The average length of a woman's **menstrual** cycle is 21 to 35 days.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

flywheel

n. a large, heavy wheel with a smooth rim that is used to store rotational energy and to smooth out fluctuations in the speed of an engine or other machine

(1) **flywheel** energy, (2) the **flywheel** on the car's engine

The exercise bike has a large **flywheel** that provides resistance and simulates outdoor cycling.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. career tra_____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 2. for a s__e reason | <i>adj.</i> mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind |
| 3. camping cu_____e | <i>n.</i> a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting |
| 4. fl_____el energy | <i>n.</i> a large, heavy wheel with a smooth rim that is used to store rotational energy and to smooth out fluctuations in the speed of an engine or other machine |
| 5. the fl_____el on the car's engine | <i>n.</i> a large, heavy wheel with a smooth rim that is used to store rotational energy and to smooth out fluctuations in the speed of an engine or other machine |
| 6. cu_____e partition | <i>n.</i> a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting |
| 7. r__p the benefits | <i>v.</i> to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done |
| 8. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 9. nu_____e love | <i>v.</i> to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing |

ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. sane, 3. cubicle, 4. flywheel, 5. flywheel, 6. cubicle, 7. reap, 8. cofounder, 9. nurture

10. business ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
11. a me_____al period *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
12. sp_____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
13. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
14. ba_____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
15. power too_____sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
16. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
17. me_____al blood *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
18. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
19. sis_____od solidarity *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

ANSWERS: 10. jargon, 11. menstrual, 12. spearhead, 13. intensify, 14. barefoot, 15. toothbrush, 16. sane, 17. menstrual, 18. nurture, 19. sisterhood

20. in_____fy diplomatic efforts v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
21. ex___e the crowd v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
22. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
23. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
24. en_____ze the body v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
25. re_____e my thoughts v. to change the form or structure of something
26. go to wr__k *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
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30. r__p crops v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 20. intensify, 21. excite, 22. firsthand, 23. trajectory, 24. energize, 25. reshape, 26. wrack, 27. spearhead, 28. firsthand, 29. jargon, 30. reap

31. en____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
32. cr____h around a fire *v.* to put your body close to the ground, especially as a way of avoiding being seen
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37. ov____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
38. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
39. he was ov____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
40. re____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
41. too____sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

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ANSWERS: 42. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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