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Session 1: Word List

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

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.

abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

synonym : refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food

She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a

person who advocates those beliefs

synonym : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

thereabout

adv. approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount

synonym : roundabout, approximately, roughly

(1) **thereabout** estimate, (2) 10 AM to 7 PM, or **thereabout**

I live in a small town **thereabout 50** miles from the city.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

succinct

adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

synonym : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

hyperconnected

adj. having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems

synonym : highly connected, fully connected

(1) **hyperconnected** network, (2) **hyperconnected** technology

The world has become increasingly **hyperconnected**, with the internet and social media playing a significant role in communication and information exchange.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

inwardly

adv. in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience

synonym: internally, inward, inside

(1) protest **inwardly**, (2) **inwardly** happy

She **inwardly** wished that she had prepared more for the exam.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or

other sporting event again

synonym : repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

standalone

adj. (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym : internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

macho

adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

synonym : masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

credo

n. a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

synonym : belief, doctrine, principle

(1) artist's **credo**, (2) the **credo** of a philosophy

His business **credo** was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

harmonize

v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

synonym: reconcile, balance, match

(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym: altruistic, philanthropic, generous

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sta_____ne approach
adj. (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
2. protest in_____ly
adv. in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience
3. an in_____re future
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
4. lib_____an group
n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
5. artist's cr__o
n. a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
6. ba__l conversation
adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
7. ab_____n on a vote
v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
8. maintain a ma__o image
adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

ANSWERS: 1. standalone, 2. inwardly, 3. insecure, 4. libertarian, 5. credo, 6. banal, 7. abstain, 8. macho

9. sta_____ne application *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
10. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
11. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
12. ha_____ze two different opinions *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
13. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
14. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
15. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
16. the cr__o of a philosophy *n.* a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
17. in_____ly happy *adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience
18. the_____ut estimate *adv.* approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount
19. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 9. standalone, 10. imaginative, 11. insecure, 12. harmonize, 13. brigade, 14. trump, 15. reckon, 16. credo, 17. inwardly, 18. thereabout, 19. inhabitant

20. alt_____ic instincts in social animals
adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
21. alt_____ic behavior
adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
22. the early inh_____nts of Europe
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
23. po_____e the thread
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
24. re__n of a TV show
n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
25. ma__o culture
adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
26. rescue br_____e
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
27. in_____ct for self-preservation
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 20. altruistic, 21. altruistic, 22. inhabitant, 23. pollute, 24. rerun, 25. macho, 26. brigade, 27. instinct

28. in___d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
29. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
30. la_____de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
31. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
32. tr___p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
33. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
34. ba___l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
35. re___n episode *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; *(verb)* to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
36. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 28. inward, 29. reckon, 30. landslide, 31. libertarian, 32. trump, 33. pollute, 34. banal, 35. rerun, 36. reassure

37. 10 AM to 7 PM, or the_____ut. *adv.* approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount
38. ha_____ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
39. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
40. hyp_____ted network *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
41. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
42. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
43. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
44. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
45. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
46. su_____ct reply *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
47. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
48. su_____ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

ANSWERS: 37. thereabout, 38. harmonize, 39. landslide, 40. hyperconnected, 41. imaginative, 42. interdependent, 43. misunderstand, 44. instinct, 45. misunderstand, 46. succinct, 47. reassure, 48. succinct

49. hyp_____ted technology *adj.* having multiple, complex links or relationships between different people, objects, or systems
50. in___d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
51. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
52. ab_____n from food *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

ANSWERS: 49. hyperconnected, 50. inward, 51. interdependent, 52. abstain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She chose to _____ from alcohol at the party.
v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

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ANSWERS: 1. abstain, 2. inwardly, 3. standalone, 4. brigade, 5. rerun, 6. inward, 7. instinct

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