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Session 1: Word List

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

ancestry

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

synonym: ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**

He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym : elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

cassava

n. a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

synonym : manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch

Cassava leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym : tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym : bake, broil, grill

(1) **roast** coffee beans, (2) **roast** beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

yam

n. a starchy tuber vegetable, native to Africa and Asia, often prepared as a side dish or in stews and soups

synonym : sweet potato, tuber, root

(1) **yam** plantation, (2) **yam** dish

The sweet taste of roasted **yams** is one of my favorite autumn flavors.

undergird

v. to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

synonym : support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship

A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the business's success.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

falter

v. to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky

synonym : hesitate, stumble, waver

(1) **falter** in decision-making, (2) **falter** in speech

My confidence began to **falter** as I gave my presentation in front of the class.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

millet

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

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.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

intimidation

n. the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action

synonym : frightening, bullying, harassment

(1) act of **intimidation**, (2) fear of **intimidation**

Using **intimidation** tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

shambles

n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

synonym : disorder, chaos, mess

(1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles**

After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.

resuscitate

v. to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

synonym : reawaken, resurrect, rejuvenate

(1) **resuscitate** economy, (2) **resuscitate** the man drown

He experienced cardiac arrest but was **resuscitated** yesterday.

punitive

adj. relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining

synonym : punishing, retributive, disciplinary

(1) **punitive** response, (2) **punitive** damages

His coworkers deemed the **punitive** measures taken against the employee too harsh.

banishment

n. the act of expelling or forcing someone to leave a particular place or social group as a form of punishment, often for political or legal reasons

synonym : exile, expulsion, deportation

(1) **banishment** from society, (2) self- **banishment**

The king ordered the **banishment** of the troublemaker from the kingdom.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

choral

adj. sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.

synonym : vocal, singing, chorus

(1) **choral** music, (2) sing in a **choral** society

The **choral** director worked with the singers to perfect their harmonies.

Session 2: Spelling

1. y_m plantation *n.* a starchy tuber vegetable, native to Africa and Asia, often prepared as a side dish or in stews and soups
2. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
3. prehuman an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
4. act of int_____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
5. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
6. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
7. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
8. cooking mi____t *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
9. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 1. yam, 2. grandchild, 3. ancestry, 4. intimidation, 5. lucrative, 6. dedicate, 7. dignify, 8. millet, 9. scot

10. ca_____a flour *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
11. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
12. res_____te the man drown *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
13. di_____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
14. careful not to sc____h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
15. fear of int_____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
16. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
17. un_____rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
18. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 10. cassava, 11. scot, 12. resuscitate, 13. dignify, 14. scorch, 15. intimidation, 16. intrigue, 17. undergird, 18. intellect

19. ro__t beef *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
20. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
21. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
22. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
23. self-ban_____nt *n.* the act of expelling or forcing someone to leave a particular place or social group as a form of punishment, often for political or legal reasons
24. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
25. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
26. financial sh_____es *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
27. ro__t coffee beans *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
28. un_____rd your argument *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
29. pu_____ve damages *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining

ANSWERS: 19. roast, 20. grandparent, 21. reconcile, 22. intellect, 23. banishment, 24. dedicate, 25. hectare, 26. shambles, 27. roast, 28. undergird, 29. punitive

30. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
32. ch___l music *adj.* sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.
33. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
34. ban_____nt from society *n.* the act of expelling or forcing someone to leave a particular place or social group as a form of punishment, often for political or legal reasons
35. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
36. organizational sh_____es *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
37. fa___r in speech *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
38. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
39. sing in a ch___l society *adj.* sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.
40. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
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ANSWERS: 30. industrious, 31. assimilate, 32. choral, 33. intrigue, 34. banishment, 35. grandparent, 36. shambles, 37. falter, 38. mindset, 39. choral, 40. scorch, 41. industrious

42. increasing mi___t harvests *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
43. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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45. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
46. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
47. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
48. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
49. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
50. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
51. a distinguished an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
52. y_m dish *n.* a starchy tuber vegetable, native to Africa and Asia, often prepared as a side dish or in stews and soups
53. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 42. millet, 43. grandchild, 44. disrespect, 45. hectare, 46. assimilate, 47. lucrative, 48. mindset, 49. perpetual, 50. perpetual, 51. ancestry, 52. yam, 53. disrespect

54. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
55. fa___r in decision-making *v.* to hesitate or stumble in action or speech; to lose strength or momentum; to become unsteady or shaky
56. res_____te economy *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
57. pu_____ve response *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
58. ca_____a starch *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

ANSWERS: 54. reconcile, 55. falter, 56. resuscitate, 57. punitive, 58. cassava

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
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ANSWERS: 24. reconcile, 25. disrespectful, 26. grandchild, 27. scot-free, 28. grandparents, 29. lucrative