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Session 1: Word List

pike

n. a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road

synonym : spear, lance, thruway

(1) war **piques**, (2) **pike** fishing

The **pike-wielding** soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

subservient

adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

synonym : submissive, compliant, obedient

(1) **subservient** relationship, (2) **subservient** role

Her **subservient** attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym : narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

queasy

adj. feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious

synonym : nauseous, unsettled, noisome

(1) **queasy** stomach, (2) feel **queasy**

The swirling motion of the boat made me **queasy**, and I had to sit down to avoid getting sick.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

superintelligence

n. a hypothetical agent, for example, a computer or space alien, that possesses intelligence far surpassing that of humankind

(1) digital **superintelligence**, (2) artificial **superintelligence**

He is looking for evidence of the existence of

superintelligence from cosmic signals.

outwit

v. to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else

synonym : outsmart, outmaneuver, outfox

(1) **outwit** a problem, (2) **outwit** his competitors

He could **outwit** his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym : selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

touchy

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

synonym : sensitive, easily offended

(1) **touchy** subject, (2) a little **touchy** personality

The **touchy** situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

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**.

provable

adj. capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning

synonym: evident, verifiable, demonstrable

(1) **provable** fact, (2) **provable** theory

The defense found no **provable** evidence to support the accusations against their client.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

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.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym : turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

steroid

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and

affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym: misfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

deranged

adj. suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad

synonym: insane, crazy, mad

(1) **deranged** mind, (2) mentally **deranged** person

His **deranged** behavior frightened everyone.

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.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

Session 2: Spelling

1. go____a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

2. acts of al____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

3. ou____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

4. to____y subject *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive

5. 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

6. alt____ic instincts in social animals *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

7. ha____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

8. in____t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

ANSWERS: 1. gorilla, 2. altruism, 3. outweigh, 4. touchy, 5. rev, 6. altruistic, 7. hardwired, 8. invert

9. feel qu___y *adj.* feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious
10. st____d abuse *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
11. qu___y stomach *adj.* feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious
12. ta____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
13. mal_____on alarm *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
14. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
15. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
16. al____sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 9. queasy, 10. steroid, 11. queasy, 12. takeaway, 13. malfunction, 14. hawk, 15. sneak, 16. altruism

17. digital sup_____nce *n.* a hypothetical agent, for example, a computer or space alien, that possesses intelligence far surpassing that of humankind
18. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
19. st___t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
20. war p___es *n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
21. br___e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
22. p___e fishing *n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
23. br___e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
24. mu___y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
25. pr_____le fact *adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning

ANSWERS: 17. superintelligence, 18. afterward, 19. strait, 20. pike, 21. bribe, 22. pike, 23. bribe, 24. musky, 25. provable

26. 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
27. a little to___y personality *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
28. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
29. artificial sup_____nce *n.* a hypothetical agent, for example, a computer or space alien, that possesses intelligence far surpassing that of humankind
30. mentally de____ed person *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad
31. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
32. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
33. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
34. ou____t his competitors *v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else

ANSWERS: 26. rev, 27. touchy, 28. humility, 29. superintelligence, 30. deranged, 31. hawk, 32. viol, 33. sneak, 34. outwit

35. ou____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
36. cross-country od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
37. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
38. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
39. social co____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
40. in a sen____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
41. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
42. sub____nt relationship *adj.* willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
43. avoid climate cat____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
44. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
45. cat____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 35. outweigh, 36. odyssey, 37. humility, 38. ancestor, 39. cognition, 40. sentimental, 41. afterward, 42. subservient, 43. catastrophe, 44. musky, 45. catastrophe

46. a st____d hormone *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
47. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
48. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
49. alt_____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
50. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
51. sub_____nt role *adj.* willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
52. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
53. ha_____ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

ANSWERS: 46. steroid, 47. cognition, 48. starve, 49. altruistic, 50. redefine, 51. subservient, 52. ancestor, 53. hardwired

54. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
55. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
56. de_____ed mind *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad
57. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
58. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
59. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
60. pr_____le theory *adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning
61. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
62. in____t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
63. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
64. do_____ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

ANSWERS: 54. starvation, 55. sociologist, 56. deranged, 57. sociologist, 58. viol, 59. malfunction, 60. provable, 61. starvation, 62. invert, 63. industrious, 64. downright

65. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
66. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
67. st____t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
68. ou____t a problem *v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else
69. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
70. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
71. endangered go_____a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
72. st____e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 65. sentimental, 66. takeaway, 67. strait, 68. outwit, 69. odyssey, 70. optimism, 71. gorilla, 72. starve

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76. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 73. industrious, 74. downright, 75. redefine, 76. optimism

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
3. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
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ANSWERS: 9. strait, 10. hardwired, 11. odyssey, 12. optimism, 13. touchy, 14. Sociologist, 15. sentimental, 16. subservient

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ANSWERS: 17. queasy, 18. takeaway, 19. invert, 20. sneak, 21. outweigh, 22. humility, 23. bribe, 24. steroids

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ANSWERS: 25. altruism, 26. downright, 27. malfunctioned, 28. hawk, 29. gorilla, 30. rev, 31. redefined

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

ANSWERS: 32. cognition, 33. afterward, 34. starvation, 35. pike-wielding, 36. provable, 37. outwit, 38. altruistic

ANSWERS: