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Session 1: Word List

grandiose

adj. impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way

synonym: elaborate, impressive, grandiloquent

(1) **grandiose** project, (2) make a **grandiose** claim

The **grandiose** mansion was a testament to the family's wealth and status.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

whisk

v. to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
synonym: whip, hasten, wipe

(1) **whisk** flies away, (2) **whisk** people from entrance to exit

Whisk rapidly until egg whites are foamy.

carousel

n. a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats

synonym: merry-go-round, roundabout, whirligig

(1) baggage claim **carousel**, (2) children's **carousel**
The **carousel** operator made sure each child was safely seated before starting the ride

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym: agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment
The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym: abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies
The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym: humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

synonym: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

wean

v. to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food

synonym: ablactate

(1) **wean** a person from a bad habit, (2) **wean** my baby from the breast

It's difficult to **wean** an addict off drugs once they're hooked.

pastry

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

synonym : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

barista

n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

synonym : coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym : refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym : defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

achondroplasia

n. a genetic disorder characterized by abnormal growth of the bones, resulting in dwarfism, which is the most common form of disproportionate short stature and is caused by a mutation in a gene that affects bone growth

synonym : dwarfism, short stature, growth disorder

(1) **achondroplasia** dwarfism, (2) **achondroplasia** symptoms

Children with **achondroplasia** typically have short stature and disproportionate limb lengths.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

cartilage

n. a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

synonym: connective tissue, gristle, fibrocartilage

(1) **cartilage** damage, (2) nasal **cartilage**

The knee joint is supported by **cartilage**, which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

sass

n. impudent or disrespectful talk or behavior; back talk;
(verb) to speak or behave in a disrespectful or impudent manner, often characterized by cheekiness, insolence, or backtalk

synonym: lip, impertinence, back talk

(1) bold **sass**, (2) a delightful touch of **sass**

Despite her petite stature, her fiery **sass** and fearless demeanor commanded respect.

sarcasm

n. the use of irony, mocking, or caustic language to convey the opposite of what is stated, often with the intention of ridicule or contempt

synonym: mockery, irony, satire

(1) **sarcasm-laden** remark, (2) heavy **sarcasm**

His constant use of **sarcasm** created a hostile and uncomfortable environment.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect
You might need to **amplify** this point.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a delightful touch of s__s *n.* impudent or disrespectful talk or behavior; back talk; (verb) to speak or behave in a disrespectful or impudent manner, often characterized by cheekiness, insolence, or backtalk
2. mo____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
3. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
4. wh__k flies away *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
5. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
6. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
7. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
8. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
9. ach_____sia dwarfism *n.* a genetic disorder characterized by abnormal growth of the bones, resulting in dwarfism, which is the most common form of disproportionate short stature and is caused by a mutation in a gene that affects bone growth

ANSWERS: 1. sass, 2. mortify, 3. smartphone, 4. whisk, 5. sophistication, 6. uphold, 7. amplify, 8. slur, 9. achondroplasia

10. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
11. pr____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
12. fruit pa___y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
13. sa____ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
14. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
15. heavy sa____m *n.* the use of irony, mocking, or caustic language to convey the opposite of what is stated, often with the intention of ridicule or contempt
16. wh__k people from entrance to exit *v.* to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
17. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 10. dwarf, 11. profuse, 12. pastry, 13. sanitize, 14. dwarf, 15. sarcasm,

16. whisk, 17. opportune, 18. meme

19. ach_____sia symptoms *n.* a genetic disorder characterized by abnormal growth of the bones, resulting in dwarfism, which is the most common form of disproportionate short stature and is caused by a mutation in a gene that affects bone growth
20. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
21. baggage claim ca_____el *n.* a rotating platform, often used for amusement or entertainment, adorned with horses or other animals or vehicles for people to ride; a slideshow or display of images or information that cycles or repeats
22. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
23. bold s__s *n.* impudent or disrespectful talk or behavior; back talk; (verb) to speak or behave in a disrespectful or impudent manner, often characterized by cheekiness, insolence, or backtalk
24. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
25. pr_____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
26. w__n my baby from the breast *v.* to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food

ANSWERS: 19. achondroplasia, 20. inherit, 21. carousel, 22. excruciating, 23. sass, 24. resilient, 25. profuse, 26. wean

27. professional ba____a *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
28. in____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
29. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
30. 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
31. camping cu____e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
32. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
33. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
34. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. mo____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
36. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 27. barista, 28. inflict, 29. imp, 30. sneak, 31. cubicle, 32. imp, 33. excruciating, 34. opportune, 35. mortify, 36. resilient

37. ba____a skills *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
38. ca_____ge damage *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
39. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
40. up____d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
41. nasal ca_____ge *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
42. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
43. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
44. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
45. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
46. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

ANSWERS: 37. barista, 38. cartilage, 39. centimeter, 40. uphold, 41. cartilage, 42. amplify, 43. pinpoint, 44. inflict, 45. slur, 46. straighten

47. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
48. cu_____e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
49. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
50. sa_____ze surfaces *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
51. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
52. pa____y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
53. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
54. sa_____m-laden remark *n.* the use of irony, mocking, or caustic language to convey the opposite of what is stated, often with the intention of ridicule or contempt
55. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
56. te_____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

ANSWERS: 47. straighten, 48. cubicle, 49. dispense, 50. sanitize, 51. inherit, 52. pastry, 53. centimeter, 54. sarcasm, 55. smartphone, 56. tenacity

57. make a gr_____se claim *adj.* impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way
58. gr_____se project *adj.* impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner, especially in an exaggerated or pompous way
59. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
60. 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
61. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
62. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
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64. show te_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

ANSWERS: 57. grandiose, 58. grandiose, 59. embarrass, 60. sneak, 61. sophistication, 62. pinpoint, 63. meme, 64. tenacity

65. di_____se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
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ANSWERS: 65. dispense, 66. embarrass, 67. wean, 68. carousel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pharmacist started to _____ medication to patients.
v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 16. sophistication, 17. sarcasm, 18. uphold, 19. sass, 20. mortify, 21. barista, 22. pinpoints

23. I worked in an office _____ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.
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v. to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly

ANSWERS: 31. inflicted, 32. sneak, 33. tenacity, 34. Whisk