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Session 1: Word List

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

plastered

adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk

synonym: coated, smeared, drunk

(1) **plastered** walls, (2) get absolutely **plastered**
The wall was **plastered** with posters and graffiti.

symbiosis

n. a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

synonym: cooperation, interdependence, mutualism

(1) industrial **symbiosis**, (2) **symbiosis** establishment
The **symbiosis** between the coral and the algae is an important example of mutualism.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient
He **immersed** himself in his research.

strobe

n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

synonym: flash, flicker

(1) **strobe** flash, (2) **strobe** effect

A **strobe** light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

synonym : deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

retina

n. the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

incurable

adj. not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption

synonym : unrecoverable, irreparable, hopeless

(1) **incurable** patient, (2) **incurable** romantic

The patient was diagnosed with an **incurable** disease and given only a few months to live.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym : soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

multilayer

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels

synonym : lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film

A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

panorama

n. an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic

synonym : view, vista, landscape

(1) 360-degree **panorama**, (2) stunning **panorama**

The top of the hill offered a breathtaking **panorama** of the city below.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym :

carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. 360-degree pa_____ma | <i>n.</i> an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic |
| 2. ca_____n of skyscrapers | <i>n.</i> a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river |
| 3. an_____e his soul | <i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy |
| 4. re____a scanner | <i>n.</i> the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball |
| 5. s__t the fabric | <i>n.</i> a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors |
| 6. air de____d of pollution | <i>adj.</i> completely lacking or free from something |
| 7. re____al cells | <i>n.</i> the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball |
| 8. st____e flash | <i>n.</i> a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals |

ANSWERS: 1. panorama, 2. canyon, 3. animate, 4. retina, 5. slit, 6. devoid, 7. retina, 8. strobe

9. get absolutely pl_____ed *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
10. deg_____te into a disagreement *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
11. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
12. deg_____te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
13. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
14. fla_____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
15. in_____le patient *adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
16. stunning pa_____ma *n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic
17. feel cr____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
18. in_____le romantic *adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
19. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

ANSWERS: 9. plastered, 10. degenerate, 11. sculpt, 12. degenerate, 13. animate, 14. flashlight, 15. incurable, 16. panorama, 17. creepy, 18. incurable, 19. sculpt

20. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
21. mul_____er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
22. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
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26. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
27. sy_____is establishment *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
28. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 20. fluffy, 21. multilayer, 22. canyon, 23. unhealthy, 24. creepy, 25. slit, 26. explode, 27. symbiosis, 28. immerse

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34. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
35. de_____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
36. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
37. fla_____ht beam *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

ANSWERS: 29. plastered, 30. explode, 31. magnify, 32. multilayer, 33. strobe, 34. unhealthy, 35. devoid, 36. magnify, 37. flashlight

38. fl___y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
39. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
40. industrial sy_____is *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

ANSWERS: 38. fluffy, 39. immerse, 40. symbiosis

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
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ANSWERS: 1. devoid, 2. unhealthy, 3. Canyon, 4. immersed, 5. multilayer, 6. symbiosis, 7. strobe, 8. magnify

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ANSWERS: 18. creepy, 19. panorama, 20. fluffy