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Session 1: Word List

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy
synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym : honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

enclave

n. a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society

(1) an **enclave** for foreign residents, (2) cultural **enclave**

The university campus is a small **enclave** of intellectual

activity within the bustling city.

fertilization

n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

synonym: impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

pocketbook

n. a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel

or fashion

synonym: wallet, purse, billfold

(1) **pocketbook** issues, (2) leather **pocketbook**

She pulled her wallet out of her **pocketbook** to pay for the groceries.

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.

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.

amok

adv. in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

synonym: berserk, wild, out of control

(1) scream **amok**, (2) go **amok**

The angry customer began running **amok** in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

infill

v. to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or

architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development

synonym : fill in, complete, pack in

(1) **infill** development, (2) **infill** the cavity with a dental filling
The construction workers will **infill** the trench with concrete.

oxymoron

n. a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

synonym : contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

smog

n. a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

synonym : smog, haze, pollution

(1) **smog** alert, (2) toxic **smog**

The heavy **smog** in the city was causing health issues for the residents.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

sterile

adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

synonym : clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

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.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym : level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

normative

adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

synonym : standard, conventional, usual

(1) **normative** behavior, (2) **normative** standards

The **normative** approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.

gridlock

n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

synonym : traffic jam, standstill, impasse

(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**

The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or

access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

ride-sharing

n. an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee,

especially as arranged by using a website or app

synonym : carpooling

(1) **ride-sharing** app, (2) **ride-sharing** parking lot

The court ruled that the **ride-sharing** company should consider the drivers as employees.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym : task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____t a highway | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 2. literary ox_____on | <i>n.</i> a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence" |
| 3. man_____ion of a deeper problem | <i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition |
| 4. re_____ct a telephone | <i>v.</i> to connect again after a break or interruption |
| 5. pay up_____t | <i>adj.</i> frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance |
| 6. co_____t in a vein | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 7. no_____ve standards | <i>adj.</i> setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior |
| 8. a st_____e man | <i>adj.</i> free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing |
| 9. rid_____ing app | <i>n.</i> an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app |

ANSWERS: 1. congest, 2. oxymoron, 3. manifestation, 4. reconnect, 5. upfront, 6. congest, 7. normative, 8. sterile, 9. ride-sharing

10. st____e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
11. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
12. the fo____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
13. fo____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
14. 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
15. around the pe____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
16. the an____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
17. the wel____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. no____ve behavior *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
19. expanded fr____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 10. sterile, 11. vitality, 12. footprint, 13. footprint, 14. pollute, 15. periphery, 16. antidote, 17. well-being, 18. normative, 19. freeway

20. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
21. rid_____ing parking lot *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
22. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
23. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
24. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
25. political gr_____ck *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
26. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
27. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
28. il_____t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
29. vi_____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy

ANSWERS: 20. sprawl, 21. ride-sharing, 22. takeaway, 23. environmentalist, 24. manifestation, 25. gridlock, 26. utopian, 27. excite, 28. illicit, 29. vitality

30. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
31. toxic s__g *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
32. il____t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
33. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
34. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
35. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
36. 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
37. authoritarian vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
38. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
39. artificial fer_____ion *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
40. an up____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 30. steer, 31. smog, 32. illicit, 33. frightening, 34. frightening, 35. excite, 36. pollute, 37. villain, 38. sprawl, 39. fertilization, 40. upfront

41. er___d boy *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
42. scream a__k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
43. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
44. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
45. run an er___d *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
46. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
47. in___l development *v.* to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development
48. gr_____ck situation *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

ANSWERS: 41. errand, 42. amok, 43. reconnect, 44. villain, 45. errand, 46. silo, 47. infill, 48. gridlock

49. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
50. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
51. s__g alert *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
52. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
53. an en_____e for foreign residents *n.* a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society
54. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 49. bulldoze, 50. silo, 51. smog, 52. segregate, 53. enclave, 54. freeway

55. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
56. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
57. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
58. fer_____ion process *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
59. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
60. ut_____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
61. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
62. leather poc_____ok *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion
63. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something

ANSWERS: 55. antidote, 56. segregate, 57. bulldoze, 58. fertilization, 59. revitalization, 60. utopian, 61. well-being, 62. pocketbook, 63. revitalization

64. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
65. in___l the cavity with a dental filling *v.* to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development
66. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
67. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
68. ox_____on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
69. pe_____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
70. poc_____ok issues *n.* a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion
71. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 64. steer, 65. infill, 66. takeaway, 67. astound, 68. oxymoron, 69. periphery, 70. pocketbook, 71. industrious

72. cultural en____e *n.* a distinct portion of territory or a community that is completely surrounded by another territory or community; a small, isolated group or area within a larger community or society
73. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
74. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
75. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
76. go a__k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

ANSWERS: 72. enclave, 73. astound, 74. industrious, 75. environmentalist, 76. amok

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to _____ on the highways.
n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

2. The angry customer began running _____ in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.
adv. in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

3. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

4. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

5. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
n. the state of being strong and active; energy

6. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

7. The _____ of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.
n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

ANSWERS: 1. gridlock, 2. amok, 3. congested, 4. sprawls, 5. vitality, 6. frightening, 7. fertilization

8. The _____ approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.
adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
9. "Awfully good" is an _____ that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.
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adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
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12. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.
v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
13. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 8. normative, 9. oxymoron, 10. sterile, 11. freeway, 12. bulldozed, 13. industrious, 14. steer

15. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

16. He was arrested for his _____ activities in the black market.

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

17. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

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v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

19. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.

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20. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

21. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

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n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

23. She pulled her wallet out of her _____ to pay for the groceries.

n. a small bag or purse usually carried in a pocket or worn on the wrist or shoulder for carrying money and other small personal items; a book or guide that contains information or tips on a particular subject, such as travel or fashion

ANSWERS: 15. utopian, 16. illicit, 17. well-being, 18. excited, 19. footprint, 20. antidote, 21. silo, 22. revitalization, 23. pocketbook

24. The factory was located on the city's _____ away from residential areas.
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25. The university campus is a small _____ of intellectual activity within the bustling city.
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27. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
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- 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
29. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
30. He was very _____ with him about his intentions.
- adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 24. periphery, 25. enclave, 26. ride-sharing, 27. takeaway, 28. pollute, 29. segregate, 30. upfront

31. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
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ANSWERS: 31. astounding, 32. errand, 33. environmentalist, 34. manifestation, 35. smog, 36. infill, 37. villain

38. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption

ANSWERS: 38. reconnected