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Session 1: Word List

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym: suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical

values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

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.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym : increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym : ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

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.

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.

incompetent

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized

to perform a particular task or job

synonym : ineffective, unskilled, inadequate

(1) **incompetent** leadership, (2) **incompetent** employee

The **incompetent** doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

agreeable

adj. pleasant and enjoyable

synonym : affable, amiable, cooperative

(1) **agreeable** weather, (2) **agreeable** to the plan

We spent a most **agreeable** couple of days.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

disagreeable

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym : unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) **disagreeable** smell, (2) **disagreeable** temper
The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience
This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

veneer

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

synonym: overlay, laminate, facing

(1) **veneer** knowledge, (2) **veneer** stone
The wooden table had a thin **veneer** of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

gruff

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

synonym: abrupt, rough, curt

(1) **gruff** voice, (2) **gruff** attitude
The **gruff** police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

prickle

v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal

synonym: stab, poke, jab

(1) **prickle** cell layer, (2) **prickle** with excitement

The thorns on the cactus can **prickle** your skin if you touch them.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

burnout

n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

synonym: breakdown, exhaustion, fatigue

(1) **burnout** syndrome, (2) mental **burnout**

He suffered from job **burnout** because of hard work.

pronoia

n. the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you

(1) **pronoia** belief, (2) the concept of **pronoia**

Many people believe that having a positive outlook leads to feelings of **pronoia**.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym: burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr_____e with excitement
v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal
2. personality tr__ts
n. a particular feature of your nature
3. und_____ue the potential
v. to assign too low a value to something
4. pr_____e cell layer
v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal
5. catchy sl____n
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
6. cr____y service
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
7. silly p_n
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
8. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 1. prickle, 2. trait, 3. undervalue, 4. prickle, 5. slogan, 6. crappy, 7. pun, 8. improvisation

9. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
10. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
11. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
12. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
13. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
14. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
15. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
16. the concept of pr_____a *n.* the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you
17. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. ve___r knowledge *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

ANSWERS: 9. quo, 10. unnoticed, 11. accrue, 12. slogan, 13. improvisation, 14. stun, 15. delusion, 16. pronia, 17. well-being, 18. veneer

19. ve___r stone *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
20. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
21. gr__f attitude *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
22. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
23. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
24. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
25. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
26. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
27. ag_____le weather *adj.* pleasant and enjoyable
28. bu_____t syndrome *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

ANSWERS: 19. veneer, 20. stab, 21. gruff, 22. undervalue, 23. stun, 24. pun, 25. glowing, 26. salesperson, 27. agreeable, 28. burnout

29. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
30. cr____y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
31. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
32. gr__f voice *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
33. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. ag_____le to the plan *adj.* pleasant and enjoyable
35. dis_____ble smell *adj.* unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
36. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
37. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
38. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 29. narcissist, 30. crappy, 31. well-being, 32. gruff, 33. industrious, 34. agreeable, 35. disagreeable, 36. trait, 37. paranoia, 38. psychopath

39. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
40. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
41. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
42. status q_uo politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
43. pa_____id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
44. pr_____a belief *n.* the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you
45. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
46. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
47. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 39. unnoticed, 40. generosity, 41. paranoia, 42. quo, 43. paranoid, 44. pronia, 45. paranoid, 46. delusion, 47. psychopath

48. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
49. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
50. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
51. inc_____nt leadership *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
52. dis_____ble temper *adj.* unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
53. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
54. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
55. inc_____nt employee *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
56. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
57. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
58. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

ANSWERS: 48. embarrass, 49. accrue, 50. stab, 51. incompetent, 52. disagreeable, 53. industrious, 54. glowing, 55. incompetent, 56. salesperson, 57. embarrass, 58. spoil

59. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
60. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
61. somatic nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
62. mental bu_____t *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
63. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
64. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 59. skeptical, 60. generosity, 61. narcissist, 62. burnout, 63. spoil, 64. skeptical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

2. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

3. The wooden table had a thin _____ of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.
n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

4. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
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6. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

7. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 1. embarrass, 2. narcissist, 3. veneer, 4. traits, 5. psychopath, 6. paranoid, 7. well-being

8. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
9. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
10. The _____ police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.
adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
11. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
12. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
13. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
14. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
15. We spent a most _____ couple of days.
adj. pleasant and enjoyable

ANSWERS: 8. generosity, 9. pun, 10. gruff, 11. skeptical, 12. crappy, 13. paranoia, 14. improvisation, 15. agreeable

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21. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
- n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
22. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
- v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 16. accrue, 17. prickle, 18. disagreeable, 19. spoil, 20. incompetent, 21. salesperson, 22. stunned

23. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
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24. The western sky was _____ pink.
- adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
25. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
- v.* to assign too low a value to something
26. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
27. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
28. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.
- adj.* not seen or noticed
29. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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- n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
31. Many people believe that having a positive outlook leads to feelings of ____.
- n.* the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you

ANSWERS: 23. slogans, 24. glowing, 25. undervalued, 26. quo, 27. delusion, 28. unnoticed, 29. industrious, 30. burnout, 31. pronia

32. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 32. stabbed