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Session 1: Word List

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym: repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

refinement

n. the process of making something better or more sophisticated or of improving something by making it more accurate or precise

synonym: improvement, perfection, polish

(1) **refinement** of her image, (2) high level of **refinement**

The **refinement** of the production process led to a significant increase in efficiency.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

chapel

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

synonym: sanctuary, church, place of worship

(1) a **chapel** royal, (2) **chapel** bell

The spacious **chapel** was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building
(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use
Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
synonym : outside, al fresco, in the open air
(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**
She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
synonym : complete, finish, decide
(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent
(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year
The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**
Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard
(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit
The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time
It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention
In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal
That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**
The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

treadmill

n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

synonym: exercise machine, routine

(1) **treadmill** workout, (2) nonstop **treadmill**

I like to watch TV while running on the **treadmill** to pass the time.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

residue

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

synonym: remnants, leftover, debris

(1) **residue** after evaporation, (2) chemical **residue**

There was a **residue** of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

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**.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym: edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

leash

n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

synonym: tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the per_____ve of the battle | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 2. the t_p of a paintbrush | <i>n.</i> the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services |
| 3. ey_____l motion | <i>n.</i> the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen |
| 4. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 5. a comprehensive su____y | <i>n.</i> an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions |
| 6. clogged fi____r | <i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light |
| 7. designed for in____r use | <i>adj.</i> located, happened, or used inside a building |
| 8. the runner's p__e | <i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes |

ANSWERS: 1. perspective, 2. tip, 3. eyeball, 4. frame, 5. survey, 6. filter, 7. indoor, 8. pace

9. it____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
10. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
11. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
12. sleep ou____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
13. walk on a le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
14. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
15. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
16. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
17. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 9. iterate, 10. brainstorming, 11. conclude, 12. outdoors, 13. leash, 14. pretension, 15. creative, 16. realistic, 17. appropriate

18. dog le__h *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
19. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
20. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
21. the no_____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
22. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
23. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
24. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
25. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
26. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
27. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 18. leash, 19. pretension, 20. iterate, 21. novelty, 22. secondly, 23. unfortunately, 24. creditor, 25. intentionally, 26. topic, 27. process

28. gi____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
29. sc____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
30. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
31. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
32. bit of a no____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
33. the imp____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
34. bra____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
35. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
36. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
37. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
38. my____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 28. giraffe, 29. scratch, 30. boost, 31. carve, 32. novelty, 33. implication, 34. brainstorming, 35. conclude, 36. secondly, 37. afterward, 38. mystery

39. ref_____nt of her image *n.* the process of making something better or more sophisticated or of improving something by making it more accurate or precise
40. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
41. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
42. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
43. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
44. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
45. an in____r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
46. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
47. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
48. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 39. refinement, 40. murder, 41. conversation, 42. novel, 43. grab, 44. afterward, 45. indoor, 46. mystery, 47. sweat, 48. implication

49. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
50. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
51. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
52. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
53. a ch____l royal *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
54. She int_____ly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
55. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
56. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
57. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 49. carve, 50. creative, 51. survey, 52. conversation, 53. chapel, 54. intentionally, 55. process, 56. sweat, 57. pursue

58. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
59. re_____e after evaporation *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
60. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
61. tr_____ll workout *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
62. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
64. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
65. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
66. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 58. filter, 59. residue, 60. novel, 61. treadmill, 62. decide, 63. decide, 64. definition, 65. topic, 66. tip

67. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
68. ch___l bell *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
69. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
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72. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
73. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
74. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
75. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
76. chemical re_____e *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
77. a picture fr___e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 67. alternate, 68. chapel, 69. definition, 70. scratch, 71. pace, 72. murder, 73. boost, 74. eyeball, 75. pursue, 76. residue, 77. frame

78. gi_____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
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ANSWERS: 78. giraffe, 79. grab, 80. perspective, 81. treadmill, 82. outdoors, 83. refinement, 84. alternate, 85. creditor, 86. unfortunately, 87. appropriate

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
2. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
3. Table tennis is an _____ sport.
adj. located, happened, or used inside a building
4. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
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5. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
6. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
7. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 1. frame, 2. filter, 3. indoor, 4. creative, 5. brainstorming, 6. creditor, 7. topic

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ANSWERS: 8. realistic, 9. novel, 10. pace, 11. conversation, 12. concluded, 13. novelty, 14. boost, 15. eyeball, 16. pretensions

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24. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
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ANSWERS: 17. sweat, 18. unfortunately, 19. decide, 20. tips, 21. secondly, 22. refinement, 23. outdoors, 24. afterward

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ANSWERS: 25. mystery, 26. residue, 27. survey, 28. treadmill, 29. leash, 30. carved, 31. scratch

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adv. in a planned or intended way

33. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

34. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

35. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

36. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

37. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

38. His poem has a very significant _____.

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

39. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 32. intentionally, 33. process, 34. iterate, 35. grab, 36. murder, 37. perspective, 38. implication, 39. definition,

40. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

41. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

42. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

43. The spacious _____ was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their VOWS.

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

44. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 40. pursue, 41. giraffe's, 42. alternate, 43. chapel, 44. appropriate