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Session 1: Word List

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

kindred

n. a group of people related by blood or family ties; a close affinity or similarity between two or more things or people

synonym: kin, family, clan

(1) **kindred** feeling, (2) **kindred** souls

The **kindred** spirits bonded over their shared love of art and music.

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.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

dystrophy

n. a group of inherited disorders that involve the progressive weakening and wasting of muscles or tissues, often leading to disability or organ failure; commonly characterized by muscle weakness, atrophy, and degeneration

synonym : degeneration, weakening, wasting

(1) **dystrophy** treatment, (2) **dystrophy** of cervical cartilage

Muscular **dystrophy** is a genetic disease that causes weakness and degeneration of muscles over time.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym : support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

shortcoming

n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

synonym : deficiency, fault, weakness

(1) have a serious **shortcoming**, (2) the **shortcoming** in the system

The company's main **shortcoming** was a lack of innovation.

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.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym : confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym : stitch, seam, joint

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

foray

n. a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

synonym : raid, attack, incursion

(1) make a quick **foray**, (2) **foray** into politics

The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

co-occurrence

n. the simultaneous occurrence or presence of two or more things, often used in statistical or scientific contexts

synonym : simultaneity, coincidence, conjunction

(1) **co-occurrence** pattern, (2) **co-occurrence** matrix

The **co-occurrence** of these two events suggests that there may be a causal relationship between them.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

palsy

n. a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

synonym : paralysis, tremor, twitch

(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**

Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

forearm

n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

(1) **forearm** bone, (2) several veins of the **forearm**

The accident left him with numbness in his left **forearm**.

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.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym: understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

pant

v. to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath

synonym: breathe, gasp, puff

(1) **pant** for breath, (2) **pant** with excitement

After running five miles nonstop in the hot sun, he began to **pant** heavily.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

enormity

n. the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent

synonym: horribleness, seriousness, immensity

(1) grasp the **enormity**, (2) the **enormity** of the task

The **enormity** of the financial fraud was uncovered after years of investigation.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

khaki

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

synonym: tan, beige, sand

(1) **khaki** jacket, (2) **khaki** shorts

The safari guide wore a **khaki** hat to protect himself from the sun.

swagger

v. to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way

synonym : strut, swagger, boast

(1) **swagger** onto the field, (2) **swagger** down the street
He **swaggered** into the room as if he owned the place.

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.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

Session 2: Spelling

1. p__t for breath v. to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath
2. ease her hea_____ak n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
3. 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
4. emotional li_____ne n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
5. di_____t the facts v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
6. dy_____hy of cervical cartilage n. a group of inherited disorders that involve the progressive weakening and wasting of muscles or tissues, often leading to disability or organ failure; commonly characterized by muscle weakness, atrophy, and degeneration
7. da___e a carrot v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

ANSWERS: 1. pant, 2. heartbreak, 3. magnify, 4. lifeline, 5. distort, 6. dystrophy, 7. dangle

8. pa____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
9. cerebral pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
10. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
11. inv_____le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
12. sw_____r onto the field *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
13. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
14. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
15. kh__i jacket *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
16. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
17. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 8. paralyze, 9. palsy, 10. cognition, 11. invincible, 12. swagger, 13. jean, 14. ironic, 15. khaki, 16. jean, 17. brace

18. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
19. fo____m bone *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
20. inv____le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
21. the en____ty of the task *n.* the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent
22. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
23. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
24. make a quick fo__y *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
25. the sho____ng in the system *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
26. deg____te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
27. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
28. ki____d souls *n.* a group of people related by blood or family ties; a close affinity or similarity between two or more things or people

ANSWERS: 18. peel, 19. forearm, 20. invincible, 21. enormity, 22. seam, 23. peel, 24. foray, 25. shortcoming, 26. degenerate, 27. brace, 28. kindred

29. deg_____te into a disagreement *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
30. fo__y into politics *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
31. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
32. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
33. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
34. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
35. fat_____le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
36. p__t with excitement *v.* to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath
37. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

ANSWERS: 29. degenerate, 30. foray, 31. medicinal, 32. heartbreak, 33. muddle, 34. cognition, 35. fathomable, 36. pant, 37. dangle

38. h_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
39. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
40. fat_____le explanation *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
41. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
42. co-_____nce matrix *n.* the simultaneous occurrence or presence of two or more things, often used in statistical or scientific contexts
43. have a serious sho_____ng *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
44. grasp the en_____ty *n.* the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent
45. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
46. several veins of the fo_____m *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

ANSWERS: 38. hem, 39. deteriorate, 40. fathomable, 41. medicinal, 42. co-occurrence, 43. shortcoming, 44. enormity, 45. sideline, 46. forearm

47. sw_____r down the street *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
48. ma_____y the danger *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
49. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
50. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
51. dy_____hy treatment *n.* a group of inherited disorders that involve the progressive weakening and wasting of muscles or tissues, often leading to disability or organ failure; commonly characterized by muscle weakness, atrophy, and degeneration
52. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
53. ki_____d feeling *n.* a group of people related by blood or family ties; a close affinity or similarity between two or more things or people
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ANSWERS: 47. swagger, 48. magnify, 49. industrious, 50. ironic, 51. dystrophy, 52. embarrass, 53. kindred, 54. co-occurrence, 55. muddle

56. li____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
57. muscle pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
58. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
59. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
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64. the h_m of a dress *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

ANSWERS: 56. lifeline, 57. palsy, 58. sideline, 59. seam, 60. industrious, 61. khaki, 62. distort, 63. deteriorate, 64. hem

65. pa____ze a city

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

66. em_____ss my project

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

ANSWERS: 65. paralyze, 66. embarrass

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The once-thriving city has _____ into a crime-ridden slum.
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