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Session 1: Word List

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym: raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

synonym: hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

affront

n. an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

synonym: insult, offense, slight

(1) **affront** his pride, (2) **affront** to reputation

The rude remark was an **affront** to her dignity.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

irritate

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

synonym: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

sisterhood

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

synonym: sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

condone

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

synonym: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

aggravate

v. to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone

synonym: irritate, provoke, worsen

(1) **aggravate** the situation, (2) **aggravate** an injury

Stress can **aggravate** existing health conditions and cause further problems.

simmer

v. to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings

synonym: stew, boil slowly, cook gently

(1) **simmer** until water evaporates, (2) **simmer** in her mind for years

The soup must **simmer** for at least an hour for all the flavors to blend.

undercurrent

n. a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid

synonym: subterranean flow, hidden emotion

(1) **undercurrent** of hostility, (2) economic **undercurrent**

The **undercurrent** of tension was palpable in the meeting.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact
We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
synonym : refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food
She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments
The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

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.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym : flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body
The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym: break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____e in midair | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 2. un_____r the truth | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |
| 3. co_____e the behavior | <i>v.</i> to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of |
| 4. su__i roll | <i>n.</i> a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed |
| 5. inv_____ly polite | <i>adv.</i> in every case or on every occasion; without exception |
| 6. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 7. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 8. di_____ve question | <i>adj.</i> tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people |
| 9. an__y at the time | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |
| 10. a court re____s | <i>n.</i> a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court |

ANSWERS: 1. collide, 2. uncover, 3. condone, 4. sushi, 5. invariably, 6. disappoint, 7. confuse, 8. divisive, 9. annoy, 10. recess

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| 11. de_____te the economy | <i>v.</i> | to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 12. harmless pr__k | <i>n.</i> | a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others |
| 13. su__i bar | <i>n.</i> | a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed |
| 14. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> | the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 15. pol_____ion effect | <i>n.</i> | the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles |
| 16. during noon re___s | <i>n.</i> | a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court |
| 17. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> | the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 18. ab_____n on a vote | <i>v.</i> | to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do |
| 19. choose tr__p | <i>n.</i> | a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |

ANSWERS: 11. devastate, 12. prank, 13. sushi, 14. neuroscience, 15. polarization, 16. recess, 17. neuroscience, 18. abstain, 19. trump

20. sis_____od bond *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
21. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
22. co_____e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
23. af_____t his pride *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
24. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
25. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
26. und_____ent of hostility *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
27. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
28. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
29. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

ANSWERS: 20. sisterhood, 21. limitless, 22. condone, 23. affront, 24. disrespect, 25. hostility, 26. undercurrent, 27. reconcile, 28. hostility, 29. bipartisan

30. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. ag_____te the situation *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
34. 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
35. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
36. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
37. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
38. economic und_____ent *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
39. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 30. disappoint, 31. opportune, 32. confuse, 33. aggravate, 34. pun, 35. overlook, 36. inauguration, 37. elevate, 38. undercurrent, 39. compassionate

40. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
41. inv_____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
42. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
43. si___r in her mind for years *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
44. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
45. ir_____te skin *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
46. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
47. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
48. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
49. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
50. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 40. trump, 41. invariably, 42. polarization, 43. simmer, 44. annoy, 45. irritate, 46. collide, 47. devastate, 48. elevate, 49. misinformation, 50. preconceived

51. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
52. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
53. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
54. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
55. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
56. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
57. sis_____od solidarity *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
58. ag_____te an injury *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
59. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
60. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
61. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 51. empathy, 52. divisive, 53. empathy, 54. reconcile, 55. misinformation, 56. compassionate, 57. sisterhood, 58. aggravate, 59. limitless, 60. bipartisan, 61. opportune

62. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
63. ab_____n from food *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
64. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
65. 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
66. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
67. ir_____te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
68. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
69. in_____te his entire body *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
70. in_____te swaths of farmland *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
71. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 62. disrespect, 63. abstain, 64. overlook, 65. pun, 66. uncover, 67. irritate, 68. inauguration, 69. inundate, 70. inundate, 71. preconceived

72. pr__k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
73. af____t to reputation *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
74. si___r until water evaporates *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings

ANSWERS: 72. prank, 73. affront, 74. simmer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.
adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception
2. Stress can _____ existing health conditions and cause further problems.
v. to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
3. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
4. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
5. The interests of the two countries _____.
v. to hit something violently when moving
6. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
7. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
8. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 1. invariably, 2. aggravate, 3. bipartisan, 4. overlook, 5. collide, 6. trump, 7. disrespectful, 8. reconcile

9. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

10. Playing on the same sports team has created a _____ between the athletes.

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

11. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

12. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

13. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

15. The sound of his chewing loudly _____ me during dinner.

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

16. The _____ of tension was palpable in the meeting.

n. a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid

ANSWERS: 9. confused, 10. sisterhood, 11. hostility, 12. annoy, 13. uncovered, 14. opportune, 15. irritates, 16. undercurrent

17. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

18. The rude remark was an _____ to her dignity.

n. an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

19. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

20. 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

21. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.

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ANSWERS: 17. divisive, 18. affront, 19. devastate, 20. pun, 21. preconceived, 22. prank, 23. misinformation

24. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.
- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
25. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
26. I love going out for _____ with my friends on Friday nights.
- n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
27. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
28. She chose to _____ from alcohol at the party.
- v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
29. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
30. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
31. The parents refused to _____ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.
- v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

ANSWERS: 24. recess, 25. elevates, 26. sushi, 27. disappoint, 28. abstain, 29. polarization, 30. limitless, 31. condone

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v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
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adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 32. inundated, 33. Empathy, 34. simmer, 35. inauguration, 36. neuroscience, 37. compassionate