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Session 1: Word List

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**
Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym : Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article
He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power
The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym : tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

mesa

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

synonym : plateau, tableland, butte

(1) **mesa** formation, (2) flat-topped **mesa**

The ancient ruins sat atop the **mesa**, overlooking the valley below.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

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.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

flutter

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

synonym: flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

imbibe

v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

synonym: drink, consume, absorb

(1) **imbibe** the idea, (2) **imbibe** alcohol

She **imbibed** the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

doubtful

adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

synonym: uncertain, questionable, unsure

(1) a book of **doubtful** authorship, (2) **doubtful** whether

It is **doubtful** that we will be able to finish the project on time.

idiomatic

adj. relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language

synonym : colloquial, vernacular, native

(1) **idiomatic** expression, (2) **idiomatic** language

Understanding the **idiomatic** usage of English words and phrases without context is challenging.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym : shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

scrimmage

n. a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight

synonym : competition, scuffle, tussle

(1) preseason **scrimmage**, (2) political **scrimmage**

During the football **scrimmage**, the players showed off their skills and strategies.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym : cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

consonant

n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

synonym: agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

tingle

v. to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement

synonym: feel tickled, itch, prickle

(1) **tingle** up my spine, (2) **tingle** with anticipation

My nerves began to **tingle** before the show started.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

scooch

v. to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction

synonym : move over, shuffle, slide

(1) **scooch** closer to her mother, (2) **scooch** my chair

I had to **scooch** over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.

ooze

v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

synonym : flow, seep, drip

(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence

The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym : taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

bourbon

n. a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels

synonym : liquor, distillate

(1) **bourbon** barrel, (2) **bourbon** cocktail

He enjoyed a glass of fine **bourbon** after a long day at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. seed h__k *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
2. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
3. a fl____r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
4. a book of do____ul authorship *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
5. pr____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
6. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
7. computer mul____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
8. de____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
9. m__a formation *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
10. a di____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
11. mainstream wo____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 1. husk, 2. darling, 3. flutter, 4. doubtful, 5. presume, 6. chew, 7. multitasking, 8. dementia, 9. mesa, 10. diligent, 11. worldview

12. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
13. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
14. honeybees in h___es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
15. sc___h closer to her mother *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
16. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
17. flat-topped m___a *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
18. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
19. id_____ic language *adj.* relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language
20. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

ANSWERS: 12. recite, 13. Arabic, 14. hive, 15. scooch, 16. diligent, 17. mesa, 18. entice, 19. idiomatic, 20. diplomacy

21. political sc_____ge *n.* a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight
22. h__k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
23. fl_____r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
24. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
25. bo_____n barrel *n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels
26. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
27. a medial co_____nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
28. en___e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
29. im___e alcohol *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

ANSWERS: 21. scrimmage, 22. husk, 23. flutter, 24. marvelous, 25. bourbon, 26. sip, 27. consonant, 28. entice, 29. imbibe

30. do____ul whether *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
31. id_____ic expression *adj.* relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language
32. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
33. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
34. o__e with confidence *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
35. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
36. preseason sc_____ge *n.* a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight
37. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 30. doubtful, 31. idiomatic, 32. recite, 33. gorge, 34. ooze, 35. gorge, 36. scrimmage, 37. vowel

38. ti___e with anticipation *v.* to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
39. bo_____n cocktail *n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels
40. im___e the idea *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
41. sc___h my chair *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
42. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
43. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
44. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 38. tingle, 39. bourbon, 40. imbibe, 41. scooch, 42. Arabic, 43. diplomacy, 44. trump

45. co_____nt blends *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
46. Ma_____in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
47. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
48. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
49. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
50. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
51. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
52. ancient ma_____in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
53. vo__l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 45. consonant, 46. mandarin, 47. multitasking, 48. chew, 49. presume, 50. marvelous, 51. trump, 52. mandarin, 53. vowel

54. ti___e up my spine *v.* to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
55. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
56. become increasingly fr____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
57. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
58. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
59. fr____t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
60. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
61. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
62. o__e from the speakers *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 54. tingle, 55. sip, 56. fraught, 57. worldview, 58. dementia, 59. fraught, 60. hive, 61. darling, 62. ooze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
2. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
3. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.
n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
4. Understanding the _____ usage of English words and phrases without context is challenging.
adj. relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language
5. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
6. She _____ the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.
v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
7. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 1. worldviews, 2. recite, 3. vowel, 4. idiomatic, 5. diligent, 6. imbibed, 7. chew

8. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
- v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
9. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.
- v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
10. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.
- v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
11. My nerves began to _____ before the show started.
- v. to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
12. The ancient ruins sat atop the _____ overlooking the valley below.
- n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
13. I had to _____ over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.
- v. to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
14. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
- n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
15. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
- v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 8. entice, 9. sipped, 10. fluttered, 11. tingle, 12. mesa, 13. scooch, 14. diplomacy, 15. presume

16. 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
17. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.
adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
18. The _____ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.
n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
19. Bees were buzzing around the _____.
n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
20. My _____ child, I love you so much.
n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
21. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
22. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
23. The wound on his leg continued to _____ blood even after he applied pressure.
v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 16. trump, 17. fraught, 18. consonant, 19. hive, 20. darling, 21. Arabic, 22. marvelous, 23. ooze

24. During the football _____ the players showed off their skills and strategies.
- n.* a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight
25. The _____ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.
- n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
26. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
- n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
27. He enjoyed a glass of fine _____ after a long day at work.
- n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels
28. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
- n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
29. It is _____ that we will be able to finish the project on time.
- adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
30. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
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ANSWERS: 24. scrimmage, 25. husk, 26. multitasking, 27. bourbon, 28. dementia, 29. doubtful, 30. Mandarin

31. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.

- n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

ANSWERS: 31. gorge