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Session 1: Word List

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

newlywed

n. a person who has recently married and is still in the early stages of their marriage

synonym : honeymooner

(1) congratulate the **newlyweds**, (2) **newlywed** bliss

The **newlywed** couple went on a romantic honeymoon in a tropical paradise.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

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.

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym: Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym: nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

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.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

brow

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

synonym: forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the

marathon.

furrow

n. a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

synonym: groove, trench, rut

(1) ploughed **furrow**, (2) narrow **furrow**

The farmer plowed deep **furrows** in the field before planting his crops.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

smirk

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

synonym: grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank

He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

valence

n. (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

synonym : bonding capacity, reactivity

(1) **valence** electrons, (2) chemical **valence**

The **valence** of an atom determines its chemical properties.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym : measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed

to complete the job.

emote

v. to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions

synonym: express, communicate, convey

(1) **emote** salute, (2) **emote** through art

The actor could **emote** a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

wristwatch

n. a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands

synonym: watch, timepiece, wristlet

(1) quartz **wristwatch**, (2) classic **wristwatch**

I received a beautiful **wristwatch** as a graduation gift from

my parents.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

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.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

1. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
2. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
3. qu_____fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
4. am__s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
5. va_____e electrons *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
6. furrowed b__w *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
7. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
8. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
9. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
10. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

ANSWERS: 1. amass, 2. reimagine, 3. quantify, 4. amass, 5. valence, 6. brow, 7. devoid, 8. blockbuster, 9. poke, 10. blockbuster

11. ho____ck for home *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
12. sm__k confidently *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
13. qu____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
14. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
15. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
16. virtual cyb____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
17. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
18. ne____ed bliss *n.* a person who has recently married and is still in the early stages of their marriage
19. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 11. homesick, 12. smirk, 13. quantify, 14. intimacy, 15. empathy, 16. cyberspace, 17. poke, 18. newlywed, 19. empower

20. ploughed fu___w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
21. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
22. a fine wr_____e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
23. chemical va_____e *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
24. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
25. em__e through art *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
26. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
27. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
28. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 20. furrow, 21. reclaim, 22. wrinkle, 23. valence, 24. portray, 25. emote, 26. impair, 27. frown, 28. app

29. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
30. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
31. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
32. narrow fu____w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
33. quartz wri_____ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
34. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
35. cyb_____ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
36. a facial wr_____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
37. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
38. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

ANSWERS: 29. eyebrow, 30. confuse, 31. devoid, 32. furrow, 33. wristwatch, 34. empower, 35. cyberspace, 36. wrinkle, 37. app, 38. outweigh

39. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
42. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
43. em__e salute *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
44. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
45. sm__k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
46. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
47. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 39. frown, 40. opportune, 41. binge, 42. impair, 43. emote, 44. empathy, 45. smirk, 46. outweigh, 47. portray

48. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
49. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
50. classic wri_____ch *n.* a small timepiece designed to be worn on the wrist typically comprised of a strap or bracelet and a clock face with hour, minute, and sometimes second hands
51. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
52. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
53. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. ey_____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
55. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
56. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
57. the b__w of a hill *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
58. suffer from ho_____ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

ANSWERS: 48. confuse, 49. disgust, 50. wristwatch, 51. disgust, 52. binge, 53. opportune, 54. eyebrow, 55. intimacy, 56. reimagine, 57. brow, 58. homesick

59. congratulate the ne____eds

n. a person who has recently married and is still in the early stages of their marriage

60. re____m land from the sea

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 59. newlywed, 60. reclaim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
2. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. This suit is made of _____ material.
n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
4. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
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ANSWERS: 9. binge-watching, 10. empowered, 11. intimacy, 12. emote, 13. blockbuster, 14. opportune, 15. poked, 16. cyberspace

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- v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

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ANSWERS: 25. homesick, 26. wristwatch, 27. eyebrow, 28. app's, 29. disgust, 30. smirk