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Session 1: Word List

preterm

adj. referring to a baby born before the expected or normal gestational period, typically before 37 weeks of pregnancy.; any condition or situation that occurs earlier than anticipated or expected

synonym : premature, early, untimely

(1) **preterm** labor, (2) **preterm** infants

The **preterm** baby required specialized care in the neonatal intensive care unit.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym : shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

clunky

adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

synonym : clumsy, bulky, burdensome

(1) **clunky** phrasing, (2) **clunky** robot

Refined character portrayal makes up for **clunky** gameplay.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal

develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

stillbirth

n. the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy

synonym : miscarriage, neonatal death

(1) risk for **stillbirth**, (2) suffered a **stillbirth**

The couple was devastated by the **stillbirth** of their child.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym : loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage vows.

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.

tribulate

v. to cause someone to undergo severe hardship or distress; to afflict; to troubles; to suffer

synonym : afflict, trouble, suffer

(1) was **tribulated** by war, (2) **tribulate** villagers

She had to **tribulate** through many difficulties to achieve her goal.

wafer

n. a thin, flat, crisp biscuit or cake, often used as a communion element in religious services; a thin slice or piece of semiconductor material used in the production of computer chips and other electronic devices

synonym : thin cake, biscuit, disk

(1) strawberry **wafer**, (2) **wafer** cleaning system

The solar panel uses high-quality silicon **wafers** to convert sunlight into electricity efficiently.

waveform

n. a curve illustrating the shape of a wave at a specific time

synonym : waveshape

(1) **waveform** analyses, (2) seismic **waveform**

This **waveform** was quite similar to a sine wave.

pertain

v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

synonym : relate, concern, apply

(1) **pertain** to the case, (2) **pertain** to the topic

The new regulations **pertain** to all employees, regardless of their position.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

cancel

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym : halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

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.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

alto

n. the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo

The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym: outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy

He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

intermediary

n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.

neonatal

adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants

synonym: newborn, infant, baby

(1) **neonatal** care, (2) **neonatal** jaundice

The **neonatal** unit at the hospital specializes in caring for premature babies.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em__d scripts in the message | <i>v.</i> | to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass |
| 2. bleeding from ut___s | <i>n.</i> | a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth |
| 3. was tr_____ted by war | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to undergo severe hardship or distress; to afflict; to troubles; to suffer |
| 4. the di_____ty between theory and reality | <i>n.</i> | a significant difference or inequality between two or more things |
| 5. wa__r cleaning system | <i>n.</i> | a thin, flat, crisp biscuit or cake, often used as a communion element in religious services; a thin slice or piece of semiconductor material used in the production of computer chips and other electronic devices |
| 6. ep_____ny about life | <i>n.</i> | a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus |
| 7. ine_____nt management | <i>adj.</i> | lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc. |
| 8. am_____y the effect | <i>v.</i> | to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |

ANSWERS: 1. embed, 2. uterus, 3. tribulate, 4. disparity, 5. wafer, 6. epiphany, 7. inefficient, 8. amplify

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| 9. em__d a sensor | v. | to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass |
| 10. in____te a new method | v. | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 11. wi__n a narrowed heart valve | v. | to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive |
| 12. a__o saxophone | n. | the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone |
| 13. earliest human an____or | n. | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 14. high fi____ty music | n. | faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something |
| 15. ou____rt a conspiracy | v. | to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic |
| 16. con____on in the industry | n. | the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount |
| 17. ce____r a TV program | n. | a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information |
| 18. pe____n to the topic | v. | to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something |

ANSWERS: 9. embed, 10. innovate, 11. widen, 12. alto, 13. ancestor, 14. fidelity, 15. outsmart, 16. contraction, 17. censor, 18. pertain

19. tr_____te villagers *v.* to cause someone to undergo severe hardship or distress; to afflict; to troubles; to suffer
20. pr_____m labor *adj.* referring to a baby born before the expected or normal gestational period, typically before 37 weeks of pregnancy.; any condition or situation that occurs earlier than anticipated or expected
21. fi_____ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
22. ne_____al jaundice *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
23. wa_____rm analyses *n.* a curve illustrating the shape of a wave at a specific time
24. financial int_____ary *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
25. suffered a sti_____th *n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy
26. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
27. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

ANSWERS: 19. tribulate, 20. preterm, 21. fidelity, 22. neonatal, 23. waveform, 24. intermediary, 25. stillbirth, 26. peel, 27. inequity

28. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
29. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
30. an a__o solo *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
31. con_____on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
32. seismic wa_____rm *n.* a curve illustrating the shape of a wave at a specific time
33. pe_____n to the case *v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
34. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
35. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
36. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
37. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 28. peel, 29. ancestor, 30. alto, 31. contraction, 32. waveform, 33. pertain, 34. amplify, 35. scotch, 36. fetus, 37. uterus

38. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
39. cl____y phrasing *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
40. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
41. ou_____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
42. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
43. 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
44. int_____ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
45. risk for sti_____th *n.* the birth of a dead fetus or infant, usually after the 20th week of pregnancy
46. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. inequity, 39. clunky, 40. innovate, 41. outsmart, 42. widen, 43. brainstorming, 44. intermediary, 45. stillbirth, 46. inefficient

47. sc___h the deal
- v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
48. Feast of Ep____ny
- n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
49. ne____al care
- adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
50. ce___r a book
- n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
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- adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
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53. pr____m infants
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ANSWERS: 47. scotch, 48. epiphany, 49. neonatal, 50. censor, 51. clunky, 52. fetus, 53. preterm

54. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
55. strawberry wa__r *n.* a thin, flat, crisp biscuit or cake, often used as a communion element in religious services; a thin slice or piece of semiconductor material used in the production of computer chips and other electronic devices
56. 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

ANSWERS: 54. disparity, 55. wafer, 56. brainstorming

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
2. Refined character portrayal makes up for _____ gameplay.
adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
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7. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 1. inefficient, 2. clunky, 3. widened, 4. censor, 5. inequity, 6. tribulate, 7. innovate

8. The couple was devastated by the _____ of their child.
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ANSWERS: 24. pertain, 25. outsmart, 26. intermediary, 27. wafers, 28. brainstorming