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Session 1: Word List

modulate

v. to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something

synonym : regulate, inflect, adjust

(1) **modulate** the function, (2) **modulate** from one key to another

These chemicals **modulate** the effect of metabolism.

acetate

n. a synthetic material made from cellulose acetate that is used to make various consumer products such as clothing, upholstery, and packaging materials

synonym : ethanoate

(1) **acetate** film, (2) **acetate** buttons

The shirt is made of a soft **acetate** fabric.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym : torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

attic

n. a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space

synonym: loft, garret, crawlspace

(1) **attic** space, (2) dusty **attic**

I found an old photo album in the spacious **attic** filled with pictures of my grandparents when they were young.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

intoxicate

v. (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior

synonym: befuddle, daze, fascinate

(1) be **intoxicated** with success, (2) **intoxicate** the person

For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to **intoxicate**.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

corrugated

adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

synonym: ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

replete

adj. fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked

synonym: full, abundant, well-stocked

(1) **replete** with flavors, (2) **replete** with meaning

The summer garden was **replete** with colorful flowers and lush greenery.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

rivet

n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

synonym: bolt, fastener, clinch

(1) **rivet** gun, (2) button-head **rivet**

The **rivets** on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.

yearbook

n. a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

synonym : annual, yearly

(1) **yearbook** photography, (2) college **yearbook**

I still like flipping through my high school **yearbook** to remember old friends.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym : fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

dumpster

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

stuntman

n. a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show

synonym : stunt double, body double, stand-in

(1) **stuntman** performance, (2) skilled **stuntman**

The professional **stuntman** jumped from the burning building and landed safely on the airbag below.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym : titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

cosplay

n. a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

synonym : costume play, dress-up, masquerading

(1) participate in **cosplay**, (2) **cosplay** makeup
The **cosplay** community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(*noun*) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

heath

n. an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

synonym : moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

ledger

n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

synonym : book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

shamble

v. to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs

synonym : shuffle, stagger, stumble

(1) zombies **shamble** toward the survivors, (2) **shambled** along the sidewalk

The drunk man **shambled** down the street, barely able to stay on his feet.

joker

n. a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild

synonym : trickster, prankster, comedian

(1) **joker** card, (2) **joker** costume

The office clown constantly played the **joker**, making his coworkers laugh with his silly antics.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym : tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

rampage

n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

synonym: storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing **rampage**, (2) an outrageous **rampage**

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

befall

v. to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way

synonym: occur, happen, take place

(1) **befall** tragedy, (2) misfortunes **befall**

I hope nothing bad will **befall** my family during the storm.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
2. cor_____ed metal roofing *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
3. du_____er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
4. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
5. st_____an performance *n.* a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show
6. co_____y makeup *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
7. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
8. fla_____ht beam *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
9. ri__t gun *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

ANSWERS: 1. doom, 2. corrugated, 3. dumpster, 4. embarrass, 5. stuntman, 6. cosplay, 7. overhear, 8. flashlight, 9. rivet

10. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
11. ac_____e film *n.* a synthetic material made from cellulose acetate that is used to make various consumer products such as clothing, upholstery, and packaging materials
12. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
13. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
14. he__h habitat *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
15. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
16. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
17. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

ANSWERS: 10. mecca, 11. acetate, 12. lure, 13. storytelling, 14. heath, 15. nod, 16. ostensible, 17. mash

18. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
19. gi___e like a child *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
20. re_____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
21. exh_____on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
22. personal le___r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
23. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
24. happen to ov_____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
25. be int_____ted with success *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
26. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
27. ac_____e buttons *n.* a synthetic material made from cellulose acetate that is used to make various consumer products such as clothing, upholstery, and packaging materials

ANSWERS: 18. spaceship, 19. giggle, 20. rehearse, 21. exhaustion, 22. ledger, 23. embark, 24. overhear, 25. intoxicate, 26. gutsy, 27. acetate

28. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
29. a sp_____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
30. zombies sh_____e toward the survivors *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
31. dusty at__c *n.* a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space
32. jo__r card *n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild
33. skilled st_____an *n.* a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show
34. at__c space *n.* a space or area, typically bounded by a roof and walls in a house that is located immediately below the roof; often used for storage or as an additional living space

ANSWERS: 28. exhaustion, 29. spaceship, 30. shamble, 31. attic, 32. joker, 33. stuntman, 34. attic

35. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
36. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
37. ost_____le explanation *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
38. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
39. re_____e with flavors *adj.* fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked
40. l___e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
41. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
42. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
43. participate in co_____y *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

ANSWERS: 35. frightening, 36. inject, 37. ostensible, 38. storytelling, 39. replete, 40. lure, 41. gutsy, 42. prosthetic, 43. cosplay

44. fla_____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
45. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
46. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
47. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
48. college ye_____ok *n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
49. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
50. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
51. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

ANSWERS: 44. flashlight, 45. buckle, 46. mecca, 47. inject, 48. yearbook, 49. embark, 50. moreover, 51. rehearse

52. misfortunes be___l *v.* to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
53. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
54. cor_____ed panel *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
55. empty the du_____er *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
56. killing ra_____e *n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
57. mo_____te the function *v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something
58. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
59. button-head ri__t *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
60. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

ANSWERS: 52. befall, 53. buckle, 54. corrugated, 55. dumpster, 56. rampage, 57. modulate, 58. rev, 59. rivet, 60. mash

61. small he__h *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
62. ye____ok photography *n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
63. sh____ed along the sidewalk *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
64. gi___e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
65. have pro____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
66. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
67. mo____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
68. financial le___r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

ANSWERS: 61. heath, 62. yearbook, 63. shamble, 64. giggle, 65. prosthetic, 66. nod, 67. moreover, 68. ledger

69. jo__r costume *n.* a person who is given to joking, especially one who is deliberately amusing or attempting to be humorous; in a deck of cards, the card with a picture of a clown or jester on it, usually wild
70. re_____e with meaning *adj.* fully or abundantly filled or supplied; overflowing or teeming with; rich or well-stocked
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74. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
75. an outrageous ra_____e *n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
76. int_____te the person *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
77. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
78. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 69. joker, 70. replete, 71. befall, 72. embarrass, 73. modulate, 74. doom, 75. rampage, 76. intoxicate, 77. frightening, 78. rev

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They launched a crewless _____ into space.
 - n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

2. These chemicals _____ the effect of metabolism.
 - v.* to change the key, style, loudness, etc., of something in music to create a particular effect; to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of something

3. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
 - adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

4. The shirt is made of a soft _____ fabric.
 - n.* a synthetic material made from cellulose acetate that is used to make various consumer products such as clothing, upholstery, and packaging materials

5. I still like flipping through my high school _____ to remember old friends.
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ANSWERS: 1. spaceship, 2. modulate, 3. frightening, 4. acetate, 5. yearbook, 6. corrugated, 7. shambled

8. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
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ANSWERS: 8. rev, 9. rampage, 10. rehearse, 11. replete, 12. buckled, 13. overheard, 14. mashed, 15. dumpster

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v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
31. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental _____.
n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
32. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
33. The _____ on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.
n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
34. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
35. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.
adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
36. I hope nothing bad will _____ my family during the storm.
v. to happen or occur, especially unexpectedly or by chance; to affect or happen to someone or something in a negative or unfortunate way
37. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 30. embarrass, 31. exhaustion, 32. lure, 33. rivets, 34. nodded, 35. ostensible, 36. befall, 37. inject

38. The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the _____.

- n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

39. We _____ on a new project.

- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 38. heath, 39. embarked