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Session 1: Word List

swerve

v. to change direction suddenly, often to avoid something or to turn sharply

synonym: veer, deviate, curve

(1) **swerve** off the road, (2) **swerve** from the topic

The driver had to **swerve** to avoid hitting the deer in the middle of the road.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

forethought

n. the act of thinking about and planning for the future
synonym: planning, preparation, anticipation

(1) without **forethought** and planning, (2) **forethought** in decision making

He brought a map and compass with **forethought** in case he got lost on the hike.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

premeditated

adj. planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance

synonym: preplanned, calculated, deliberate

(1) **premeditated** crime, (2) **premeditated** scheme

The defendant was charged with **premeditated** murder.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym: fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

discriminating

adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

synonym: selective, critical, discerning

(1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye
The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result
I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

anyhow

adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said
synonym: anyway, nonetheless

(1) **anyhow** possible, (2) **anyhow** it turns out
Anyhow, let's change the subject because I don't want to talk about this anymore.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research
Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

hairpin

n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

(1) **hairpin** clip, (2) **hairpin** curve
She carefully navigated her way around the **hairpin** turns on the mountain road.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**
In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility;
diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments
on time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mass ho____de
n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
2. sound very te____ng
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
3. ha____n clip
n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
4. creative in____on
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. an____w it turns out
adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said
6. con____ous objection
adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
7. pri____ze tasks
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
8. in____ct a computer
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 1. homicide, 2. tempting, 3. hairpin, 4. intuition, 5. anyhow, 6. conscientious, 7. prioritize, 8. instruct

9. ha____n curve *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
10. sw____e off the road *v.* to change direction suddenly, often to avoid something or to turn sharply
11. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
12. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
13. con_____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
14. without for_____ht and planning *n.* the act of thinking about and planning for the future
15. in____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
16. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
17. a mu__y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
18. pre_____ine result *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
19. pre_____ted crime *adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance

ANSWERS: 9. hairpin, 10. swerve, 11. irresponsible, 12. murky, 13. conscientious, 14. forethought, 15. instruct, 16. unproductive, 17. murky, 18. predetermine, 19. premeditated

20. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
21. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
22. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
23. serial ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
24. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
25. for_____ht in decision making *n.* the act of thinking about and planning for the future
26. dis_____ing eye *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
27. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
28. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 20. unproductive, 21. irresponsible, 22. maneuver, 23. homicide, 24. prioritize, 25. forethought, 26. discriminating, 27. determinant, 28. intuition

29. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
30. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
31. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
32. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
33. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
34. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
35. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
37. pre_____ted scheme *adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance

ANSWERS: 29. instinct, 30. congest, 31. maneuver, 32. predetermine, 33. instinct, 34. tempting, 35. determinant, 36. congest, 37. premeditated

38. an___w possible

adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said

39. dis_____ing judgment

adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

40. sw___e from the topic

v. to change direction suddenly, often to avoid something or to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 38. anyhow, 39. discriminating, 40. swerve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
2. She carefully navigated her way around the _____ turns on the mountain road.
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4. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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6. The defendant was charged with _____ murder.
adj. planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
7. The restaurant has _____ tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.
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ANSWERS: 1. irresponsible, 2. hairpin, 3. swerve, 4. intuitions, 5. determinant, 6.

premeditated, 7. discriminating

8. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
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ANSWERS: 8. prioritized, 9. instructed, 10. unproductive, 11. instinct, 12. Anyhow, 13. congested, 14. forethought, 15. maneuver

16. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

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17. The detective was called to investigate a _____ in the city.

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18. _____ student always turned in their assignments on time.

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ANSWERS: 16. tempting, 17. homicide, 18. Conscientious, 19. predetermine, 20. murky