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Session 1: Word List

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time
His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym: corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

nonchalant

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

synonym : casual, relaxed, indifferent

(1) **nonchalant** attitude, (2) **nonchalant** behavior

The actor was **nonchalant** about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

honk

n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

synonym : beep, toot, blare

(1) **honk** sound, (2) **honk** for attention

The incessant **honk** of the car's horn woke me from sleep.

grandstand

n. a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc

synonym: viewing area, seating, stand

(1) sit in the **grandstand**, (2) view from the **grandstand**

She was in the **grandstand**, cheering for her favorite horse in the horse racing competition.

ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
2. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
3. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
4. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
5. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
6. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
7. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
8. sq__t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

ANSWERS: 1. sibling, 2. reassure, 3. squat, 4. indifference, 5. anguish, 6. protagonist, 7. sibling, 8. squat

9. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
10. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
11. sit in the gra_____nd *n.* a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
12. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
13. h__k sound *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
14. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
15. spontaneous ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
16. non_____nt attitude *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
17. non_____nt behavior *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
18. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
19. la_____de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

ANSWERS: 9. miscalculation, 10. reassure, 11. grandstand, 12. unthinkable, 13. honk, 14. landslide, 15. ovation, 16. nonchalant, 17. nonchalant, 18. miscalculation, 19. landslide

20. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
21. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
22. standing ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
23. h__k for attention *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
24. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
25. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
26. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
27. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
28. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

ANSWERS: 20. spectator, 21. pigeon, 22. ovation, 23. honk, 24. anguish, 25. indifference, 26. unthinkable, 27. chalk, 28. rusty

29. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
30. a racing pi____n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
31. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
32. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
33. ru__y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
34. view from the gra_____nd *n.* a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
35. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
36. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 29. insecure, 30. pigeon, 31. chalk, 32. spectator, 33. rusty, 34. grandstand, 35. insecure, 36. protagonist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
 - n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

2. I need to _____ down to pick up the pen from the floor.
 - v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

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5. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
 - v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

6. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
 - n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

7. I tried to assume an air of _____.
 - n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. miscalculation, 2. squat, 3. landslide, 4. ovation, 5. reassure, 6. siblings, 7. indifference

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ANSWERS: 8. pigeon, 9. honk, 10. insecure, 11. unthinkable, 12. rusty, 13. anguish, 14. spectator, 15. chalk

16. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
17. She was in the _____ cheering for her favorite horse in the horse racing competition.
n. a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
18. The actor was _____ about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.
adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

ANSWERS: 16. protagonist's, 17. grandstand, 18. nonchalant