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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

enthrall

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym : captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader

The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

yin

n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

synonym: feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym: masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym: dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

prurient

adj. characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters

synonym : salacious, lewd, lascivious

(1) **prurient** interests, (2) **prurient** thoughts

The book contained explicit and **prurient** descriptions of sexual encounters.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

ratchet

n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

synonym : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

graft

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

synonym: transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law

The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

midtown

n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

synonym: downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

zillion

n. an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

synonym: countless, myriad

(1) a **zillion** photos of my childhood, (2) **zillion** possibilities

The company received a **zillion** complaints about their faulty product.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

digestive

adj. relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym : delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

girder

n. a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability

synonym : beam, support, brace

(1) concrete **girders**, (2) support **girder**

The construction workers carefully placed the steel **girder** onto the building frame.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

delicatessen

n. a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

synonym : deli, food shop, gourmet store

(1) gourmet **delicatessen**, (2) traditional **delicatessen**

I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the **delicatessen**.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym : discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

handshake

n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two

devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

synonym : greeting, handclasp, welcome

(1) **handshake** protocol, (2) virtual **handshake**

The two business partners sealed the deal with a **handshake**.

misstep

n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym : mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym : reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

unflattering

adj. not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way

synonym : unfavorable, unkind, derogatory

(1) **unflattering** comments, (2) **unflattering** portrayal

The lighting in the room made everyone's skin look **unflattering**.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through;

intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 2. ra_____t effect | <i>n.</i> a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement |
| 3. gourmet del_____sen | <i>n.</i> a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches |
| 4. ability to de____e the differences | <i>v.</i> to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand |
| 5. unf_____ing comments | <i>adj.</i> not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way |
| 6. typ_____er keys | <i>n.</i> a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over |
| 7. pa____y imitation | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work |

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. ratchet, 3. delicatessen, 4. decode, 5. unflattering, 6. typewriter, 7. parody

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| 8. beautiful su_____e | <i>n.</i> the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky |
| 9. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 10. mi_____n coffee shop | <i>n.</i> the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district |
| 11. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 12. unb_____le heat | <i>adj.</i> not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable |
| 13. high-technology su_____e industries | <i>n.</i> the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky |
| 14. political ba_____sh | <i>n.</i> a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 15. mis_____ent a company's policies | <i>v.</i> to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone |
| 16. the ba_____sh from the community | <i>n.</i> a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 17. de_____te the economy | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 18. pr_____nt thoughts | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters |

ANSWERS: 8. sunrise, 9. germ, 10. midtown, 11. medicinal, 12. unbearable, 13. sunrise, 14. backlash, 15. misrepresent, 16. backlash, 17. devastate, 18. prurient

19. have a co_____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
20. pr_____nt interests *adj.* characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
21. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
22. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
23. ha_____ke protocol *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
24. navigating mi_____ps *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
25. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
26. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 19. cockroach, 20. prurient, 21. connote, 22. deft, 23. handshake, 24. misstep, 25. palatable, 26. apocalyptic

27. electronic typ_____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
28. traditional del_____sen *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches
29. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
30. y_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
31. en_____ll with beauty *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
32. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
33. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
34. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
35. ra_____t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

ANSWERS: 27. typewriter, 28. delicatessen, 29. mundane, 30. yin, 31. enthrall, 32. cockroach, 33. yang, 34. fascinate, 35. ratchet

36. co____e emotion
37. en____ll the reader
38. fa_____te the public
39. virtual ha_____ke
40. medical in____n
41. de____e a message
42. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant
- v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
- v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
- v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
- n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
- v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
- v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

ANSWERS: 36. connote, 37. enthrall, 38. fascinate, 39. handshake, 40. intern, 41. decode, 42. dishearten

43. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
44. recover from a mi____p *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
45. sc____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
46. unf____ing portrayal *adj.* not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way
47. railways in____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
48. zi____n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
49. a zi____n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
50. support gi____r *n.* a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability
51. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 43. creditor, 44. misstep, 45. scribble, 46. unflattering, 47. intersect, 48. zillion, 49. zillion, 50. girder, 51. germ

52. kidney y_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
53. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
54. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
55. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
56. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
57. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
58. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
59. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
60. gr__t surgery *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

ANSWERS: 52. yin, 53. vernacular, 54. raft, 55. creditor, 56. graffiti, 57. vernacular, 58. typography, 59. scribble, 60. graft

61. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
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70. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 61. mundane, 62. intersect, 63. misrepresent, 64. digestive, 65. raft, 66. palatable, 67. parody, 68. digestive, 69. graft, 70. yang

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v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
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ANSWERS: 71. devastate, 72. deft, 73. dishearten, 74. midtown, 75. girder, 76. unbearable, 77. apocalyptic, 78. intern, 79. typography

80. gr____ti tag

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 80. graffiti

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.
v. to meet or cross one another

2. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.
adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

3. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.
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5. I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the _____.
n. a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

6. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

7. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

ANSWERS: 1. intersect, 2. palatable, 3. typography, 4. decode, 5. delicatessen, 6. graffiti, 7. sunrise

8. The conference is being held in _____ Manhattan.
- n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
9. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.
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ANSWERS: 16. dishearten, 17. unbearable, 18. mundane, 19. misstep, 20. Cockroaches, 21. digestive, 22. germ, 23. yin

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30. The two business partners sealed the deal with a _____.

- n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

ANSWERS: 24. interned, 25. deft, 26. ratchet, 27. graft, 28. creditor, 29. fascinated, 30. handshake

31. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.
- n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
32. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
33. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
34. The words were _____ in pencil.
- v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
35. The company received a _____ complaints about their faulty product.
- n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
36. The magician's illusions always managed to _____ the audience.
- v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
37. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
38. The construction workers carefully placed the steel _____ onto the building frame.
- n.* a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability

ANSWERS: 31. raft, 32. connotes, 33. yang, 34. scribbled, 35. zillion, 36. enthrall, 37. devastate, 38. girder

39. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

40. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 39. misrepresents, 40. medicinal