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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

toy

 a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) toy store, (2) toy box

He gave his daughter a new toy for her birthday.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

propose

- v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something synonym: suggest, offer, recommend
- (1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

analyze

 to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

skinny

adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

synonym: slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

trumpet

 a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

synonym: bugle, cornet, flugelhorn

(1) trumpet player, (2) trumpet solo

She played a beautiful melody on the **trumpet**.

brash

adj. self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others

synonym: reckless, impulsive, daring

(1) brash behavior, (2) brash confidence

The **brash** young CEO made a lot of enemies with his bold decisions.

concert

 a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a concert again, (2) a benefit concert

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a random choice, (2) bombs fell at random

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

somersault

 a complete forward or backward roll of the body, typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet

synonym: flip, tumble, cartwheel

(1) somersault flip, (2) backward somersault

The gymnast performed a perfect **somersault** during her routine.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym: saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous**

but was later proven correct.

toothbrush

- n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teethsynonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner
- (1) toothbrush stand, (2) power toothbrushMy toothbrush with end-rounded bristles is excellent for

gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

combine

- v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend
- (1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
- (2) combine augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen combine to form water.

roulette

n. a gambling game played on a spinning wheel with numbers and colors where a small ball is thrown onto the spinning wheel, and players bet on which number or color it will land on

synonym: wheel of fortune, game of chance, gambling wheel

(1) roulette wheel, (2) Russian roulette

I lost all my money while playing **roulette** at a casino in Las Vegas.

scare

- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate
- (1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

alien

 a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) alien fungi, (2) resident aliens

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

scream

to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

- (1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.
- a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

- (1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble** Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.
- to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) wrap a fish in foil, (2) wrap up a meeting **Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym: insignificant, minor, unimportant

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bubble

wrap

fragile

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

aim

- v. to try or plan to get or achieve somethingsynonym: aspire, direct, target
- (1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

dart

 a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym: arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there A poison **dart** hit him.

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.

brand

 a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

flip

 to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) flip over the pork chop, (2) flip a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

dictionary

 a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) dictionary definition,(2) online dictionaryI need to purchase a new English dictionary.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

association

 a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association** His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

advantage

 a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption synonym: ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym: comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious** I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

app

 n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement *synonym*: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tr___t solo

2. sk___y jeans

3. a scholarship ass____on

4. ex___ng news

5. compound the ing____nts

6. pr___e the amendment

7. sc__e the birds away

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9. resident al ns

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 a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 1. trumpet, 2. skinny, 3. association, 4. exciting, 5. ingredient, 6. propose, 7. scare, 8. random, 9. alien

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19. mo er, she decided to go

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ANSWERS: 10. propose, 11. roulette, 12. combine, 13. useless, 14. useless, 15. analyze, 16. soak, 17. continuous, 18. somersault, 19. moreover, 20. toy

21. w p a fish in foil to cover or enclose something entirely ν. with paper, cloth, or other material a person who comes from a different 22. al n fungi n. country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere to turn over into a different position 23. f p over the pork chop ν. quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion 24. co____e chemically with another to join or merge to form a single thing or substance 25. br h behavior adj. self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way; impetuous; lacking in consideration for consequences or the opinions or feelings of others to give a loud, high shout suddenly, 26. sc___m at him to be quiet ν. especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice 27. con____us improvement adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption 28. a rid___ us amount of money adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at (abbreviation for application) software 29. cannot log in to the a p n. designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web

ANSWERS: 21. wrap, 22. alien, 23. flip, 24. combine, 25. brash, 26. scream, 27. continuous, 28. ridiculous, 29. app, 30. trivial

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31.	record driving autlly	adv.	without needing a direct human control
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34.	a benefit cot	n.	a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
35.	intion education	n.	a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
36.	wp up a meeting	<i>v</i> .	to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
37.	score an adge	n.	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
38.	power toosh	n.	a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
39.	dicry definition	n.	a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
40.	the brd of the new car	n.	a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 31. automatically, 32. fragile, 33. automatically, 34. concert, 35. introduction, 36. wrap, 37. advantage, 38. toothbrush, 39. dictionary, 40. brand

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52.	toosh stand	n.	a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth				
53.	rote wheel	n.	a gambling game played on a spinning wheel with numbers and colors where a small ball is thrown onto the spinning wheel, and players bet on which number or color it will land on				
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55.	bue in the champagne glass	n.	a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses				
56.	a person who is uncus	adj.	in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness				
57.	self-intion	n.	a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market				
58.	online dicry	n.	a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation				
ANSWERS: 52. toothbrush, 53. roulette, 54. dart, 55. bubble, 56. unconscious, 57. introduction, 58. dictionary							

ANSWERS: 59. scream, 60. trumpet, 61. relate, 62. random, 63. ridiculous, 64. dart, 65. concert, 66. trivial, 67. relate

ANSWERS: 68. unconscious, 69. association, 70. advantage, 71. develop, 72. aim, 73. moreover, 74. bubble, 75. brand

- 76. s_k away stress
- 77. ex____ng football player
- 78. sk___y finger

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- adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
- adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 76. soak, 77. exciting, 78. skinny

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	Many people worry that the current real estate market is a that could burst soon.
n.	a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
2.	He gave his daughter a new for her birthday.
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3.	species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
n.	a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
4.	I want to a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
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ad	v. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
6.	I know his habit that he touches his face when he lies.
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AN bra	SWERS: 1. bubble, 2. toy, 3. Alien, 4. propose, 5. moreover, 6. unconscious, 7.

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