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Session 1: Word List

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

waffle

v. to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup

synonym : waver, flip-flop, vacillate

(1) **waffle** on about random things, (2) blueberry **waffle**

When asked about his stance on the new tax policy, the candidate began to **waffle** significantly.

overcompensate

v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

synonym : overcorrect, overdo, make up for

(1) **overcompensate** for mistakes, (2) **overcompensate** for lack of experience

After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to

overcompensate for his mistake.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

taxonomy

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

synonym: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and

causing trouble.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

rectum

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

synonym: anal canal, proctum

(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**

Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

sneaky

adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

synonym: sly, crafty, deceitful

(1) **sneaky** tactics, (2) **sneaky** behavior

The **sneaky** thief slipped into the house through an unlocked

window.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym: encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym: Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

caiman

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

synonym: alligator, crocodile, reptile

(1) **caiman** conservation, (2) **caiman** population

The **caiman's** diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym : pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

brandish

v. to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

synonym : wave, flourish, exhibit

(1) **brandish** a wand, (2) **brandish** a gun

The robber **brandished** a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.

squeal

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

synonym : scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ove_____ate for mistakes | v. | to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection |
| 2. de_____ce a statement | v. | to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone |
| 3. hard to re____n | v. | to think or believe something |
| 4. a ma_____ic sense of purpose | adj. | impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately |
| 5. ca____n population | n. | a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America |
| 6. a chick's tw__t | n. | a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 7. y__l for help | v. | to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 8. ethnic bi____y | n. | intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself |
| 9. b__g to each other | v. | to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior |
| 10. ove_____ate for lack of experience | v. | to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection |

ANSWERS: 1. overcompensate, 2. denounce, 3. reckon, 4. majestic, 5. caiman, 6. tweet, 7. yell, 8. bigotry, 9. brag, 10. overcompensate

11. ta____my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
12. en___e his feet *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
13. wa___e on about random things *v.* to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup
14. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
15. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
16. br_____sh a wand *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 11. taxonomy, 12. encase, 13. waffle, 14. bigot, 15. troll, 16. brandish

17. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
18. re___m cancer *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
19. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
20. en___e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
21. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
22. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
23. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
24. sq___l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
25. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
26. sn___y tactics *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 17. indulge, 18. rectum, 19. yell, 20. encase, 21. quitter, 22. exhaustive, 23. bigot, 24. squeal, 25. exhaustive, 26. sneaky

27. inflammation of the re___m *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
28. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
29. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
30. biological ta____my *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
31. ca___n conservation *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
32. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
33. self-righteous bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
34. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
35. sn___y behavior *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 27. rectum, 28. quitter, 29. petri, 30. taxonomy, 31. caiman, 32. brag, 33. bigotry, 34. tweet, 35. sneaky

36. predominantly Mu___m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
37. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
38. pe__i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
39. sq___l in agony *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
40. br_____sh a gun *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm
41. Mu___m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
42. blueberry wa___e *v.* to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup
43. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

ANSWERS: 36. Muslim, 37. troll, 38. petri, 39. squeal, 40. brandish, 41. Muslim, 42. waffle, 43. majestic

44. re___n the company as a rival v. to think or believe something
45. de____ce a heresy v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
46. in____e in debauchery v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

ANSWERS: 44. reckon, 45. denounce, 46. indulge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
 - n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

2. They _____ the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.
 - v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

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4. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the _____.
 - n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

5. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
 - v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

6. After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to _____ for his mistake.
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ANSWERS: 1. troll, 2. encased, 3. waffle, 4. rectum, 5. bragging, 6. overcompensate

7. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.
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11. The robber _____ a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.
v. to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm
12. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something
13. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
14. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.
n. a follower of the religion of Islam

ANSWERS: 7. petri, 8. majestic, 9. caiman's, 10. bigot, 11. brandished, 12. reckons, 13. tweet, 14. Muslim

15. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
16. The _____ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
17. The children were playing and _____ with excitement in the park.
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v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
19. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
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n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 15. Bigotry, 16. sneaky, 17. squealing, 18. denounced, 19. exhaustive, 20. quitter, 21. indulged, 22. taxonomy

23. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 23. yelled