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Session 1: Word List

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym : rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

lexicographer

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

synonym : lexicologist, dictionary maker

(1) academic **lexicographer**, (2) famous **lexicographer**

The well-respected **lexicographer** published an innovative

new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

beau

n. a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women

synonym : suitor, admirer, boyfriend

(1) charming **beau**, (2) online **beau**

She met her handsome **beau** at a coffee shop in the city.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

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.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

bonobo

n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, monkey

(1) endangered **bonobo**, (2) **bonobo** habitat

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

clink

v. to make a sharp, ringing sound by striking one hard object against another; to make a sound like metal hitting glass

synonym: clatter, clang, rattle

(1) **clink** ice cubes, (2) **clink** their medals together in celebration

The bartender used a spoon to **clink** against the glass to signal that it was the last call.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
2. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
3. academic lex_____her *n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases
4. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
5. a de____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
6. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
7. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
8. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
9. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 1. defiant, 2. chimpanzee, 3. lexicographer, 4. superhero, 5. defiant, 6. meaningless, 7. superhero, 8. shepherd, 9. solver

10. famous lex_____her *n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases
11. cl__k their medals together in celebration *v.* to make a sharp, ringing sound by striking one hard object against another; to make a sound like metal hitting glass
12. endangered bo___o *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
13. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
14. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
15. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
16. charming b__u *n.* a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women
17. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
18. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
19. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

ANSWERS: 10. lexicographer, 11. clink, 12. bonobo, 13. verge, 14. shepherd, 15. Arthurian, 16. beau, 17. powerless, 18. meaningless, 19. chimpanzee

20. cr___y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
21. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
22. bo___o habitat *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
23. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
24. 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
25. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
26. online b__u *n.* a male partner or companion, especially a boyfriend or suitor; a wealthy or fashionable man who is attractive to women
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ANSWERS: 20. crappy, 21. promiscuous, 22. bonobo, 23. Arthurian, 24. germ, 25. verge, 26. beau, 27. clink, 28. solver

29. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
30. cr___y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
31. antibiotic-resistant g__m *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
32. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 29. promiscuous, 30. crappy, 31. germ, 32. powerless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
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4. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
5. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
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8. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

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ANSWERS: 8. crappy, 9. clink, 10. bonobo, 11. verge, 12. Arthurian, 13. meaningless, 14. chimpanzee

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