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Session 1: Word List

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

adrenaline

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

innocuous

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

synonym : harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

espionage

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

synonym : spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

incriminate

v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : accuse, indict, prosecute

(1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to **incriminate** himself

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym : plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

insignia

n. a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization

synonym : badge, emblem, crest

(1) naval **insignia**, (2) school **insignia**

The military uniform had a bright red **insignia** on the sleeve.

aptly

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

synonym: appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

paltry

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

synonym: insignificant, worthless, meager

(1) **paltry** sum, (2) **paltry** excuse

After working long hours for a **paltry** paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(*noun*) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

persecute

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

synonym: victimize, harass, oppress

(1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts

The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym: betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

referee

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

synonym: judge, arbiter, umpire

(1) a fair **referee**, (2) assistant **referee**

The **referee** blew his whistle.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

exonerate

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

synonym: absolve, clear, acquit

(1) **exonerate** from blame, (2) **exonerate** the defendant

The DNA evidence **exonerated** the suspect, proving his innocence.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 2. an_____al example | <i>adj.</i> based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence |
| 3. sn__k a cigarette | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily |
| 4. han_____ng identification | <i>n.</i> the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing |
| 5. in_____us substance | <i>adj.</i> not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage |
| 6. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 7. inc_____te the person | <i>v.</i> to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing |
| 8. co_____ge from different points | <i>v.</i> to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet |
| 9. inc_____te many well-known politicians | <i>v.</i> to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing |
| 10. co_____re to corner the market | <i>v.</i> to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose |

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. anecdotal, 3. sneak, 4. handwriting, 5. innocuous, 6. afterward, 7. incriminate, 8. converge, 9. incriminate, 10. conspire

11. flop down in di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
12. school in_____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
13. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
14. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
15. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
16. brevet co_____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
17. ap__y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
18. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
19. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
20. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 11. dismay, 12. insignia, 13. convict, 14. ingrained, 15. itch, 16. colonel, 17. aptly, 18. correlate, 19. handwriting, 20. uphold

29. ap__y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
30. industrial es_____ge *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
31. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
32. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
33. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
34. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
35. co_____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
36. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
37. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 29. aptly, 30. espionage, 31. itch, 32. reflex, 33. takeaway, 34. mimic, 35. colonel, 36. trump, 37. anecdotal

49. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
50. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
51. pa____y excuse *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
52. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
53. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
54. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
55. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
56. Je____h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
57. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
58. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
59. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
60. pe_____te minorities *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

ANSWERS: 49. Semitic, 50. ubiquitous, 51. paltry, 52. conspire, 53. torch, 54. ingrained, 55. trait, 56. Jewish, 57. elevate, 58. motto, 59. takeaway, 60. persecute

61. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
62. ex_____te from blame *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
63. pe_____te for small debts *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
64. skilled ar____r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
65. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
66. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
67. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
68. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
69. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 61. wrongdoing, 62. exonerate, 63. persecute, 64. archer, 65. converge, 66. mindset, 67. treason, 68. scout, 69. contradict

70. adr_____ne receptor *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
71. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
72. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
73. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
74. es_____ge tactics *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
75. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
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77. pa___y sum *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
78. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 70. adrenaline, 71. mimic, 72. motto, 73. wrongdoing, 74. espionage, 75. ubiquitous, 76. scout, 77. paltry, 78. probabilistic

79. a fair re____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
80. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
81. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
82. in_____us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
83. ex_____te the defendant *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
84. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
85. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
86. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 79. referee, 80. correlate, 81. afterward, 82. innocuous, 83. exonerate, 84. reflex, 85. Semitic, 86. trump

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
 - v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

2. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
 - v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

3. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
 - n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

4. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
 - n. a particular feature of your nature

5. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
 - v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

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 - n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

8. He exercised his right not to _____ himself
 - v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

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- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
23. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 16. mindset, 17. itching, 18. insignia, 19. reflex, 20. intrigues, 21. ingrained, 22. trump, 23. convicted

24. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
25. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.
n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
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- v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

37. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

38. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 32. referee, 33. anecdotal, 34. torch, 35. scout, 36. persecute, 37. Jewish, 38. sneak

39. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

40. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

41. The DNA evidence _____ the suspect, proving his innocence.

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

42. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

43. The cyber _____ operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

ANSWERS: 39. Semitic, 40. ubiquitous, 41. exonerated, 42. contradict, 43. espionage