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Session 1: Word List

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym : hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym : powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

outburst

n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

synonym : outcry, eruption, explosion

(1) **outburst** of applause, (2) violent **outburst**

My boss's sudden **outburst** shocked and scared me.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym : bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym: central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

dumpster

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym: correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation
We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

extracurricular

adj. outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
synonym: non-academic, non-curricular, outside

(1) **extracurricular** study, (2) **extracurricular** club
He was heavily involved in **extracurricular** activities and was president of the debate club.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot
They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

negotiable

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

synonym: flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary
The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates
The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

proficient

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

synonym : expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill

She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym : absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held

misconception

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym: engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

unwavering

adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment

synonym: steadfast, resolute, firm

(1) **unwavering** commitment, (2) **unwavering** confidence

She showed **unwavering** loyalty to her friend through thick and thin.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ra____t corruption
adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
2. advertising sl____n
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
3. bu__y bystander
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
4. a neg____le bill
adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
5. ou____st of applause
n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
6. te__e the children
v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
7. fo____ul argument
adj. having or showing great strength or energy

ANSWERS: 1. rampant, 2. slogan, 3. bully, 4. negotiable, 5. outburst, 6. tease, 7. forceful

8. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
9. empty the du_____er *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
10. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
11. violent ou_____st *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
12. re_____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
13. unw_____ng confidence *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
14. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
15. take fo_____ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
16. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
17. re_____te the situation *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

ANSWERS: 8. devise, 9. dumpster, 10. devise, 11. outburst, 12. remediate, 13. unwavering, 14. recycle, 15. forceful, 16. misconception, 17. remediate

18. unw_____ng commitment *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
19. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
20. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
21. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
22. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
23. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
24. office ca_____ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
25. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 18. unwavering, 19. perseverance, 20. determinant, 21. tease, 22. determinant, 23. rev, 24. cafeteria, 25. incarceration

26. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
27. ext_____lar study *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
28. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
29. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
30. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
31. ext_____lar club *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
32. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
33. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
34. pro_____nt skill *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
35. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 26. cafeteria, 27. extracurricular, 28. unconditional, 29. rev, 30. paramount, 31. extracurricular, 32. rampant, 33. perseverance, 34. proficient, 35. recycle

36. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
37. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
38. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
39. du_____er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
40. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
41. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
42. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
43. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
44. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 36. auditorium, 37. paramount, 38. misconception, 39. dumpster, 40. strawberry, 41. pave, 42. bully, 43. incarceration, 44. etch

45. pro_____nt speaker *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
46. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
47. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
48. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
49. catchy sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
50. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
51. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
52. neg_____le salary *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

ANSWERS: 45. proficient, 46. pave, 47. etch, 48. auditorium, 49. slogan, 50. strawberry, 51. unconditional, 52. negotiable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
2. She is _____ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.
adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
3. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
4. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.
adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
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ANSWERS: 1. paramount, 2. proficient, 3. auditorium, 4. unconditional, 5. unwavering, 6. outburst, 7. negotiable, 8. dumpster

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ANSWERS: 23. determinant, 24. forceful, 25. rampant, 26. cafeteria