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Session 1: Word List

weary

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

synonym: depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym: dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

cupid

n. (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

synonym : cherub, angel

(1) **cupid** costume, (2) **cupid** love

Cupid's arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient
The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal
synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship
He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**
We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do
synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**
The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts
The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

alley

n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

synonym : lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

sill

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

synonym : windowsill, ledge, threshold

(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**

The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

Session 2: Spelling

1. back al__y *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
2. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
3. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
4. we__y expression *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
5. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
6. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
7. do____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
8. d_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
9. s__l plate *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

ANSWERS: 1. alley, 2. dim, 3. twirl, 4. weary, 5. distance, 6. roam, 7. downtown, 8. dim, 9. sill

10. cu__d love *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
11. fa____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
12. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
13. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
14. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
15. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
16. al__y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
17. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
18. fa____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
19. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 10. cupid, 11. faraway, 12. sight, 13. roam, 14. impressive, 15. sink, 16. alley, 17. mere, 18. faraway, 19. intimate

20. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
21. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
22. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
23. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
24. tw__l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
25. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
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27. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
28. cu__d costume *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
29. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

ANSWERS: 20. applause, 21. architecture, 22. sink, 23. desperately, 24. twirl, 25. delight, 26. impressive, 27. mere, 28. cupid, 29. desperately

30. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
31. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
32. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
33. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
34. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
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38. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
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ANSWERS: 30. insight, 31. delight, 32. downtown, 33. intimate, 34. insight, 35. applause, 36. weary, 37. sill, 38. intention, 39. intention, 40. distance

41. arc_____ure design

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

42. an unexpected si__t

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 41. architecture, 42. sight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
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2. The ____ light made it difficult to read the book.
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8. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 1. sights, 2. dim, 3. roam, 4. intimate, 5. Cupid's, 6. weary, 7. distance, 8. architecture

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ANSWERS: 9. intentions, 10. mere, 11. faraway, 12. twirled, 13. delight, 14. insights, 15. applause, 16. desperately

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adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 17. sill, 18. downtown, 19. alley, 20. sink, 21. impressive