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Session 1: Word List

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

valor

n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

synonym: bravery, courage, heroism

(1) **valor** in war, (2) show **valor**

The soldier was awarded a medal of **valor** for his heroic actions in combat.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife

preserves

synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

standout

n. a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context

synonym : highlight, superiority

(1) **standout** feature, (2) **standout** player

Her bright green dress made her **standout** among the crowd of black suits and dresses.

cadet

n. a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization

synonym : cadette, trainee, apprentice

(1) **cadet** training, (2) army **cadet**

He was a **cadet** at the military academy.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym : sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of

teamwork and resilience.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym: delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

eyeliner

n. a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes

synonym: eye pencil, kohl

(1) waterproof **eyeliner**, (2) winged **eyeliner**

She applied a thin line of black **eyeliner** to her upper eyelid.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

mascara

n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes

synonym: eyeliner, kohl

(1) waterproof **mascara**, (2) **mascara** smudge

She applied the **mascara** to her lashes for a dramatic look.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

dynamo

n. a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field

synonym : generator, powerhouse

(1) a **dynamo** of productivity, (2) marketing **dynamo**

The electrical **dynamo** produced enough power to light up the entire city.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym : darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

raisin

n. a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

synonym : dried grape, sultana, currant

(1) **raisin** pie, (2) **raisin** oatmeal cookies

The **raisin** bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym : second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

unsung

adj. not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

synonym : unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

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**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. so____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
2. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
3. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
4. second lie_____nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
5. ca__t training *n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization
6. in_____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
7. un___g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
8. waterproof ma_____a *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
9. 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

ANSWERS: 1. sorority, 2. sweetheart, 3. skeptical, 4. lieutenant, 5. cadet, 6. infantry, 7. unsung, 8. mascara, 9. pave

10. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
11. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
12. st____ut feature *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context
13. in____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
14. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
15. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
16. gi_____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
17. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 10. confer, 11. glee, 12. standout, 13. infantry, 14. skeptical, 15. gutsy, 16. giraffe, 17. decidedly

18. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
19. show va__r *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
20. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
21. swe_____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
22. gi_____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
23. army ca__t *n.* a young trainee, particularly one who is training to become an officer in the military or a particular profession or organization
24. un___g accomplishment *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
25. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

ANSWERS: 18. decidedly, 19. valor, 20. grit, 21. sweetheart, 22. giraffe, 23. cadet, 24. unsung, 25. heroine

26. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
27. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
28. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
29. police ba_____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
30. ra___n oatmeal cookies *n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
31. 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
32. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
33. lie_____nt general *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
34. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

ANSWERS: 26. barricade, 27. spear, 28. grit, 29. barricade, 30. raisin, 31. pave, 32. glee, 33. lieutenant, 34. groundbreaking

35. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
36. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
37. a dy___o of productivity *n.* a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field
38. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
39. va__r in war *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
40. ra___n pie *n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
41. st_____ut player *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context
42. ma_____a smudge *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
43. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

ANSWERS: 35. gutsy, 36. afterward, 37. dynamo, 38. groundbreaking, 39. valor, 40. raisin, 41. standout, 42. mascara, 43. spear

44. winged ey_____er *n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes
45. tragic he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
46. waterproof ey_____er *n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes
47. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
48. marketing dy____o *n.* a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field
49. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
50. so_____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

ANSWERS: 44. eyeliner, 45. heroine, 46. eyeliner, 47. afterward, 48. dynamo, 49. confer, 50. sorority

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
2. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. She applied the _____ to her lashes for a dramatic look.
n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
4. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
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6. The soldier was awarded a medal of _____ for his heroic actions in combat.
n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
7. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 1. glee, 2. confer, 3. mascara, 4. giraffe's, 5. unsung, 6. valor, 7. gutsy

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13. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.
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- n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

ANSWERS: 8. barricade, 9. afterward, 10. eyeliner, 11. standout, 12. paved, 13. spears, 14. infantry

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adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
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18. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.
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19. The electrical _____ produced enough power to light up the entire city.
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20. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
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