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Session 1: Word List

rickshaw

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

synonym : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

clamber

v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

synonym : climb, scramble, crawl

(1) **clamber** up the ladder, (2) **clamber** over a boulder

I had to **clamber** over the rocks to reach the cave.

pagoda

n. a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument

synonym : temple, shrine, tower

(1) burmese **pagoda**, (2) ancient **pagoda**

The five-story **pagoda** stood tall and majestic in the center of the temple courtyard.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym : shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

inwardly

adv. in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience

synonym : internally, inward, inside

(1) protest **inwardly**, (2) **inwardly** happy

She **inwardly** wished that she had prepared more for the exam.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing
The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction
This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

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.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view
Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship
He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym : delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

unquestionably

adv. without a doubt; certainly

synonym : certainly, undoubtedly, without doubt

(1) **unquestionably** bad, (2) **unquestionably** safe

Unquestionably, he was the best candidate for the job.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym : encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment

He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

nibble

v. to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something

synonym : bite, peck, chomp on

(1) **nibble** an ear of corn, (2) **nibble** here and there
I like to **nibble on** fruit in the morning for breakfast.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

fretful

adj. irritable or easily agitated; frequently complaining or expressing discontent; feeling or showing worry, annoyance, or restlessness

synonym: worried, anxious, agitated

(1) **fretful** teenager, (2) **fretful** mood

The **fretful** baby woke up throughout the night, causing her parents to lose sleep.

unexplored

adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

synonym: uncharted, undiscovered, untapped

(1) **unexplored** ideas, (2) **unexplored** cave

There are many **unexplored** regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

treacherous

adj. that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe

synonym: dangerous, unfaithful, disloyal

(1) **treacherous** territory, (2) **treacherous** act

Due to snow and ice, many roads have become **treacherous**, and motorists are advised to travel gently.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
2. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
3. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
4. ignorance is bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
5. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
6. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
7. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
8. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
9. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
10. ni___e an ear of corn *v.* to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something

ANSWERS: 1. distracted, 2. embarrass, 3. shack, 4. bliss, 5. uneasy, 6. confer, 7. unsettle, 8. unsettle, 9. embarrass, 10. nibble

11. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
12. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
13. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
14. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
15. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
16. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
17. traditional ri_____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
18. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
19. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
20. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
21. pr_____ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important

ANSWERS: 11. exhilarating, 12. fascinate, 13. shack, 14. plunge, 15. fascinate, 16. plunge, 17. rickshaw, 18. hut, 19. priceless, 20. dictator, 21. priceless

22. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
23. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
24. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
25. une_____ed ideas *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
26. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
27. une_____ed cave *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
28. ancient pa____a *n.* a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument
29. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
30. in____ly happy *adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience

ANSWERS: 22. intimacy, 23. confer, 24. quote, 25. unexplored, 26. uneasy, 27. unexplored, 28. pagoda, 29. reassurance, 30. inwardly

31. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
32. burmese pa___a *n.* a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument
33. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
34. tre_____us act *adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe
35. cl_____r over a boulder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
36. unq_____bly safe *adv.* without a doubt; certainly
37. fr_____l teenager *adj.* irritable or easily agitated; frequently complaining or expressing discontent; feeling or showing worry, annoyance, or restlessness
38. ride a ri_____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
39. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 31. quote, 32. pagoda, 33. reassurance, 34. treacherous, 35. clamber, 36. unquestionably, 37. fretful, 38. rickshaw, 39. ambiguity

40. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
41. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
42. ni___e here and there *v.* to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something
43. fr_____l mood *adj.* irritable or easily agitated; frequently complaining or expressing discontent; feeling or showing worry, annoyance, or restlessness
44. cl_____r up the ladder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
45. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
46. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
47. protest in_____ly *adv.* in one's inner thoughts, feelings, emotions, or mental states; about one's internal or subjective experience
48. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

ANSWERS: 40. distracted, 41. exhilarating, 42. nibble, 43. fretful, 44. clamber, 45. bliss, 46. intimacy, 47. inwardly, 48. hut

49. a di_____or with enormous powers

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

50. unq_____bly bad

adv. without a doubt; certainly

51. avoid am_____ty in writing

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

52. tre_____us territory

adj. that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe

ANSWERS: 49. dictator, 50. unquestionably, 51. ambiguity, 52. treacherous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The five-story _____ stood tall and majestic in the center of the temple courtyard.
 - n.* a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument

2. Due to snow and ice, many roads have become _____ and motorists are advised to travel gently.
 - adj.* that cannot be trusted; malicious; hazardous, even while seeming safe

3. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
 - v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

4. I like to _____ fruit in the morning for breakfast.
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6. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.
 - adj.* extremely valuable or important

7. The magic tricks _____ the children.
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ANSWERS: 1. pagoda, 2. treacherous, 3. plunged, 4. nibble on, 5. ambiguity, 6. priceless, 7. fascinated

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14. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

15. _____ he was the best candidate for the job.

adv. without a doubt; certainly

ANSWERS: 8. distracted, 9. clamber, 10. confer, 11. embarrass, 12. quoted, 13. exhilarating, 14. shack, 15. Unquestionably,

16. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
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