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Session 1: Word List

tycoon

n. a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
synonym: magnate, industrialist, bigwig

(1) business **tycoon**, (2) **tycoon** of industry

He became a successful **tycoon** in the oil industry.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

triathlon

n. an athletic competition consisting of three different sports activities, usually swimming, cycling, and long-distance running, typically completed in immediate succession as a race

(1) **triathlon** race, (2) **triathlon** training

The **triathlon** course included challenging hills on the cycling segment.

floss

n. a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth

synonym: thread, yarn, string

(1) candy **floss**, (2) dental **floss**

Be sure to use a clean section of **floss** for each tooth to avoid spreading bacteria.

complexion

n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

synonym: appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**

Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

accentuate

v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive

The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

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.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves
He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste
This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

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**.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
synonym: improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution
The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

waitress

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

synonym: server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

swat

v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

synonym: slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
2. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
3. re_____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
4. business ty____n *n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
5. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
6. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
7. S__T operation *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
8. wa_____ss at a restaurant *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
9. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. makeshift, 2. obsess, 3. restless, 4. tycoon, 5. barbecue, 6. makeshift, 7. swat, 8. waitress, 9. excite

10. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
11. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
13. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
14. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
15. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
16. com_____on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
17. tr_____on race *n.* an athletic competition consisting of three different sports activities, usually swimming, cycling, and long-distance running, typically completed in immediate succession as a race
18. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
19. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 10. excite, 11. embarrass, 12. embarrass, 13. obsess, 14. paycheck, 15. fascination, 16. complexion, 17. triathlon, 18. fascination, 19. needless

20. 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
21. tip the wa____ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
22. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
23. 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
24. dull com_____on *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
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26. dental fl__s *n.* a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth
27. expertly s__t back the ball *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

ANSWERS: 20. rev, 21. waitress, 22. concession, 23. rev, 24. complexion, 25.

barbecue, 26. floss, 27. swat

28. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
29. a re_____ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
30. candy fl__s *n.* a thin thread or cord used to clean the spaces between the teeth
31. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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