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Session 1: Word List

mediocrity

n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

synonym: averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

superhighway

n. a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic

synonym: expressway, motorway, artery

(1) six-lane **superhighway**, (2) a tollgate of a **superhighway**

The University provides a wireless Internet **superhighway** to its students.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

dyslexia

n. a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

synonym : reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**

Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

neurodiversity

n. the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed

synonym : neurodivergence, cognitive diversity

(1) **neurodiversity** conference, (2) **neurodiversity** spectrum

The concept of **neurodiversity** celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language
The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child
The friend's death **awakens** them.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**
The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

sleet

n. a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground

synonym: hail, frozen rain, ice pellets

(1) heavy **sleet**, (2) freezing **sleet**
She slipped on the **sleet-covered** steps and fell.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

Braille

n. a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols

(1) **Braille** alphabet, (2) **Braille** system

The museum provided **Braille** labels for visually impaired visitors.

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym: fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of **impostor** sellers trying to scam them.

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym: caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

vogue

n. the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

synonym: trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym: undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
2. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
3. escape med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
4. ce_____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
5. neu_____ity spectrum *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
6. aw____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
7. im_____or syndrome *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
8. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 1. disinformation, 2. terrify, 3. mediocrity, 4. celestial, 5. neurodiversity, 6. awaken, 7. impostor, 8. malnutrition

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| 9. neighborhood t__t | <i>n.</i> a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating |
| 10. political sa___r | <i>n.</i> a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth |
| 11. current vo__e | <i>n.</i> the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture |
| 12. full of em____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 13. a tollgate of a sup_____way | <i>n.</i> a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic |
| 14. bl_____nt for economic reform | <i>n.</i> a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine |
| 15. on the ve__e of tears | <i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 16. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 17. Br_____e alphabet | <i>n.</i> a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols |

ANSWERS: 9. twit, 10. savior, 11. vogue, 12. empathy, 13. superhighway, 14. blueprint, 15. verge, 16. confuse, 17. Braille

18. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
19. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
20. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
21. diagnosis of dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
22. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
23. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
24. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
25. sink into med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

ANSWERS: 18. empathy, 19. unimaginable, 20. medicinal, 21. dyslexia, 22. savior, 23. glamorous, 24. custodian, 25. mediocrity

26. heavy sl__t *n.* a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground
27. student with dy____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
28. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
29. six-lane sup_____way *n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
30. Br_____e system *n.* a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols
31. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
32. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 26. sleet, 27. dyslexia, 28. famine, 29. superhighway, 30. Braille, 31. celestial, 32. malnutrition

33. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
34. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
35. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
36. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
37. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
38. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
39. follow vo__e trends *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
40. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
41. freezing sl__t *n.* a type of frozen precipitation consisting of raindrops or other liquid falling through a layer of freezing air and becoming small, transparent ice pellets before reaching the ground
42. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
43. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 33. scar, 34. awaken, 35. confuse, 36. ballad, 37. terrify, 38. blueprint, 39. vogue, 40. scar, 41. sleet, 42. assimilate, 43. unimaginable

44. Irish ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
45. cu_____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
46. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
47. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
48. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
49. neu_____ity conference *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
50. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
51. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
52. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 44. ballad, 45. custodian, 46. assimilate, 47. twit, 48. verge, 49. neurodiversity, 50. disinformation, 51. glamorous, 52. medicinal

53. coal fa___e

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

54. detect an im____or

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

ANSWERS: 53. famine, 54. impostor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
2. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
3. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
4. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
5. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
6. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
7. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.
n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

ANSWERS: 1. verge, 2. medicinal, 3. glamorous, 4. savior, 5. confused, 6. unimaginable, 7. custodian

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- n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
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- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
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ANSWERS: 8. superhighway, 9. neurodiversity, 10. Braille, 11. blueprint, 12. impostor, 13. mediocrity, 14. famine, 15. twit

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adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
23. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 16. sleet-covered, 17. scar, 18. Empathy, 19. awakens, 20. malnutrition, 21. disinformation, 22. celestial, 23. terrify

24. Educators need to understand how _____ affects students' reading abilities.
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ANSWERS: 24. dyslexia, 25. assimilate, 26. vogue, 27. ballad