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Session 1: Word List

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence
His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car
The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

demolish

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

synonym: destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge
The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

snipe

v. to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism

synonym : criticize, disparage, sharpshoot

(1) **snipe** at the suspect, (2) **snipe** at each other

The politician **sniped** at his opponent during the debate.

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.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym : mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

deserted

adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

synonym : abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

irreconcilable

adj. unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts

synonym: irresolvable, intractable, uncompromising

(1) **irreconcilable** differences, (2) **irreconcilable** conflict
The opposing sides in the debate held **irreconcilable** views.

moor

n. a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain

synonym: heath, upland, bog

(1) low- **moor** bog, (2) **moor** the ship

The rolling **moor** was a large, open area of high ground covered with heather.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

phosphor

n. a substance that emits visible light when exposed to radiation or certain types of energy, commonly used in the production of fluorescent lights, television screens, and computer monitors

synonym: luminescent substance, light-emitting compound

(1) **phosphor** screen, (2) **phosphor** bronze

The **phosphor** coating on the television screen helps produce bright and vibrant colors.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym: flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 2. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. a eu_____sm for death | <i>n.</i> a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing |
| 4. apparently con_____ory | <i>adj.</i> containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 5. fo_____ly taken into a car | <i>adv.</i> done by physical power or violence; against someone's will |
| 6. catchy sl____n | <i>n.</i> a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea |
| 7. ph_____or bronze | <i>n.</i> a substance that emits visible light when exposed to radiation or certain types of energy, commonly used in the production of fluorescent lights, television screens, and computer monitors |
| 8. ph_____op the background of the image | <i>v.</i> to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools |
| 9. sn__e at the suspect | <i>v.</i> to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism |

ANSWERS: 1. confuse, 2. opportune, 3. euphemism, 4. contradictory, 5. forcibly, 6. slogan, 7. phosphor, 8. photoshop, 9. snipe

10. ph_____op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
11. m__r the ship *n.* a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain
12. irr_____ble differences *adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. low-m__r bog *n.* a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain
15. de_____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
16. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
17. get caught in the de____e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
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ANSWERS: 10. photoshop, 11. moor, 12. irreconcilable, 13. opportune, 14. moor, 15. demolish, 16. slogan, 17. deluge, 18. irreconcilable

19. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
20. de____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
21. de____ed island *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
22. con____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
23. sn__e at each other *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
24. de____ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
25. a de___e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
26. ph____or screen *n.* a substance that emits visible light when exposed to radiation or certain types of energy, commonly used in the production of fluorescent lights, television screens, and computer monitors
27. gr____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 19. graffiti, 20. demolish, 21. deserted, 22. contradictory, 23. snipe, 24. deserted, 25. deluge, 26. phosphor, 27. graffiti

28. fo____ly remove

adv. done by physical power or violence;
against someone's will

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v. to mistake one thing for another; to
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ANSWERS: 28. forcibly, 29. confuse, 30. euphemism

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
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12. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
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13. The rolling _____ was a large, open area of high ground covered with heather.
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- adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts
15. The _____ coating on the television screen helps produce bright and vibrant colors.
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ANSWERS: 8. sniped, 9. confused, 10. demolish, 11. slogans, 12. graffiti, 13. moor,

14. irreconcilable, 15. phosphor

ANSWERS: