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Session 1: Word List

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.

purposely

adv. with the intention of doing something; deliberately
synonym: intentionally, deliberately, on purpose

(1) **purposely** ignored, (2) **purposely** vague
She **purposely** left her phone at home to disconnect and enjoy her vacation.

lowercase

n. a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

synonym: small letters, minuscule

(1) **lowercase** alphabet, (2) change to **lowercase**
Please type your password in all **lowercase** letters.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

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**.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym: memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. te__t young people | v. | to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 2. con_____ion on a promotion | n. | the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 3. rem_____ce day | n. | the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento |
| 4. a ma___l of beauty | n. | someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 5. te__t the taste buds | v. | to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 6. technical ma___l | n. | someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 7. em_____ss my project | v. | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 8. dis_____nt the audience | v. | to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 9. chicken th__h | n. | the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg |
| 10. a sm_____ng blow | adj. | very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed |

ANSWERS: 1. tempt, 2. congratulation, 3. remembrance, 4. marvel, 5. tempt, 6. marvel, 7. embarrass, 8. disappoint, 9. thigh, 10. smashing

11. lo_____se alphabet *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
12. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
13. pu_____ly ignored *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
14. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
15. change to lo_____se *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
16. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
17. pu_____ly vague *adv.* with the intention of doing something; deliberately
18. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
19. ignorance is bl___s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
20. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
21. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
22. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 11. lowercase, 12. futile, 13. purposely, 14. congratulation, 15. lowercase, 16. embarrass, 17. purposely, 18. remembrance, 19. bliss, 20. futile, 21. thigh, 22. nag

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
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4. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
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6. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
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ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. tempted, 3. congratulations, 4. marvel, 5. purposely, 6. embarrass, 7. remembrance

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- v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
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- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 8. lowercase, 9. bliss, 10. thigh, 11. futile, 12. nagging, 13. smashing