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Session 1: Word List

daffodil

n. a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal

synonym: narcissus, jonquil, buttercup

(1) autumn **daffodil**, (2) blooming **daffodil**

The yellow **daffodils** in the garden signaled the arrival of spring.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

doorbell

n. a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building

synonym : bell, buzzer, ring

(1) touch a **doorbell**, (2) **doorbell** chime

He rang the **doorbell** and waited for someone to answer.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;
(verb) to be aware of or know

synonym : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

nil

n. nothing; zero; lack of existence or value

synonym : nothingness, zero, naught

(1) **nil** phonation, (2) **nil** balance

The defendant's claims were dismissed for having **nil** evidence to support their case.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sl__e a glance | <i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 2. l_b instrument | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |
| 3. sc___d dog | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |
| 4. n_l phonation | <i>n.</i> nothing; zero; lack of existence or value |
| 5. e__t a video | <i>v.</i> to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it |
| 6. re____e CO2 into the air | <i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement |
| 7. pro_____ate on my homework | <i>v.</i> to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring |
| 8. emotional p__p | <i>n.</i> a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something |
| 9. b_t on a race | <i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something |
| 10. p__p stick | <i>n.</i> a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. slide, 2. lab, 3. scared, 4. nil, 5. edit, 6. release, 7. procrastinate, 8. prop, 9. bet, 10. prop

11. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
12. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
13. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
14. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
15. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
16. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
17. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
18. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
19. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
20. re____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

ANSWERS: 11. prime, 12. gore, 13. bet, 14. nervous, 15. prime, 16. ken, 17. engage, 18. onstage, 19. scared, 20. rehearse

21. re____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
22. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
23. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
24. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
25. touch a do_____ll *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
26. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
27. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
28. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
29. blooming da_____il *n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal

ANSWERS: 21. rehearse, 22. ken, 23. edit, 24. gore, 25. doorbell, 26. inspire, 27. climate, 28. mosquito, 29. daffodil

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| 30. appeared on_____e | <i>adv.</i> onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience |
| 31. in_____e a feeling of curiosity | <i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 32. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 33. re_____e a prisoner | <i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement |
| 34. pro_____ate about a big challenge | <i>v.</i> to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring |
| 35. autumn da_____il | <i>n.</i> a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal |
| 36. do_____ll chime | <i>n.</i> a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building |
| 37. en___e in environmental protection activities | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 38. sl__e a card across the table | <i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 39. n_l balance | <i>n.</i> nothing; zero; lack of existence or value |
| 40. mo_____to repellent | <i>n.</i> a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 41. medical l_b | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |

ANSWERS: 30. onstage, 31. inspire, 32. climate, 33. release, 34. procrastinate, 35. daffodil, 36. doorbell, 37. engage, 38. slide, 39. nil, 40. mosquito, 41. lab

42. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something;
relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 42. nervous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The yellow _____ in the garden signaled the arrival of spring.
n. a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
2. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
3. The defendant's claims were dismissed for having ____ evidence to support their case.
n. nothing; zero; lack of existence or value
4. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
5. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
6. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
7. He rang the _____ and waited for someone to answer.
n. a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
8. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 1. daffodils, 2. prop, 3. nil, 4. engaged, 5. onstage, 6. nervous, 7. doorbell, 8. slide

9. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
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11. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
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adj. afraid or frightened

ANSWERS: 9. prime, 10. mosquitos, 11. edit, 12. bet, 13. Climate, 14. release, 15. inspired, 16. scared

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ANSWERS: 17. rehearse, 18. gored, 19. procrastinated, 20. ken, 21. lab