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Session 1: Word List

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

enunciate

v. to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly

synonym : articulate, pronounce, say

(1) **enunciate** a new strategy, (2) **enunciate** each word

The doctrine of the country was **enunciated** by its first king.

diction

n. the choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing; the manner in which a person pronounces words

synonym : expression, articulation, pronunciation

(1) clear **diction**, (2) precise **diction**

The author's use of sophisticated **diction** added depth to his novel.

tainted

adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

synonym : spoiled, contaminated, infected

(1) **tainted** soil, (2) **tainted** reputation

The meat had to be thrown out because it was **tainted** with bacteria.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym : develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

misdirect

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

synonym : misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter

I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

amiss

adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected

synonym : wrong, awry, graceless

(1) take her words **amiss**, (2) something is **amiss**

It would not be **amiss** to tell him the facts in advance.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym : imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

multifaceted

adj. having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied

synonym: complex, diverse, versatile

(1) a **multifaceted** undertaking, (2) **multifaceted** problem

The job requires excellent communication skills and a **multifaceted** approach to problem-solving.

indefinite

adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym: unclear, uncertain, ambiguous

(1) **indefinite** period, (2) **indefinite** number

The company's financial troubles have resulted in an **indefinite** hiring freeze.

inarticulate

adj. struggling to express oneself clearly or effectively in speech or writing; lacking the ability to communicate ideas or feelings fluently or coherently

synonym: incoherent, unintelligible, muddled

(1) **inarticulate** speech, (2) **inarticulate** mumble

The author's **inarticulate** writing style made it difficult for readers to follow his story.

participle

n. a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

(1) passive **participle**, (2) present **participle**

The verb **participle** is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**
The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

excellency

n. a title or form of address used to show respect or honor for someone of high rank or position, such as a high-ranking official or ambassador; excellence or superiority in quality or performance

synonym : distinction, greatness, eminence

(1) **excellency** award, (2) diplomatic **excellency**

Your **Excellency's** speech was inspiring and uplifting to all present.

lingual

adj. relating to language or languages; pertaining to the tongue; involving the use of the tongue, especially in speech

synonym : verbal, linguistic, language

(1) **lingual** skills, (2) **lingual** diversity

The linguists studied various **lingual** structures in different languages.

mistakenly

adv. in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

synonym : incorrectly, erroneously, wrongly

(1) **mistakenly** left his keys, (2) **mistakenly** delete the important file

He **mistakenly** thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym : abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

gash

n. a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

synonym : cut, wound, laceration

(1) **gash** wound, (2) straight **gash**

He received a deep **gash** on his leg from the accident.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym : branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ta____d soil
adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
2. im____t a memory
v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
3. a mul____ted undertaking
adj. having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
4. something is am__s
adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected
5. ur____ze a region
v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
6. enrich my in____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
7. mi____ct the letter
v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
8. co____e symbolism
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 1. tainted, 2. imprint, 3. multifaceted, 4. amiss, 5. urbanize, 6. intellect, 7. misdirect, 8. connote

9. diplomatic exc_____cy *n.* a title or form of address used to show respect or honor for someone of high rank or position, such as a high-ranking official or ambassador; excellence or superiority in quality or performance
10. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
11. straight g__h *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
12. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
13. ind_____te period *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
14. mis_____ly delete the important file *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
15. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
16. present par_____le *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
17. mul_____ted problem *adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied
18. g__h wound *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

ANSWERS: 9. excellency, 10. connote, 11. gash, 12. hesitation, 13. indefinite, 14. mistakenly, 15. diversify, 16. participle, 17. multifaceted, 18. gash

19. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
20. ina_____ate speech *adj.* struggling to express oneself clearly or effectively in speech or writing; lacking the ability to communicate ideas or feelings fluently or coherently
21. li_____l diversity *adj.* relating to language or languages; pertaining to the tongue; involving the use of the tongue, especially in speech
22. ina_____ate mumble *adj.* struggling to express oneself clearly or effectively in speech or writing; lacking the ability to communicate ideas or feelings fluently or coherently
23. mis_____ly left his keys *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
24. precise di_____n *n.* the choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing; the manner in which a person pronounces words
25. the ge_____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
26. in the Book of Ge_____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 19. baffle, 20. inarticulate, 21. lingual, 22. inarticulate, 23. mistakenly, 24. diction, 25. genesis, 26. genesis

27. exc_____cy award *n.* a title or form of address used to show respect or honor for someone of high rank or position, such as a high-ranking official or ambassador; excellence or superiority in quality or performance
28. ur_____ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
29. take her words am__s *adj.* not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected
30. en_____te a new strategy *v.* to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
31. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
32. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
33. pr_____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
34. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
35. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

ANSWERS: 27. excellency, 28. urbanize, 29. amiss, 30. enunciate, 31. disparity, 32. hesitation, 33. profuse, 34. imprint, 35. disparity

36. pr_____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
37. en_____te each word *v.* to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
38. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
39. ind_____te number *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
40. passive par_____le *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
41. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
42. di_____fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
43. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
44. li_____l skills *adj.* relating to language or languages; pertaining to the tongue; involving the use of the tongue, especially in speech
45. ta_____d reputation *adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
46. mi_____ct my anger *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

ANSWERS: 36. profuse, 37. enunciate, 38. impending, 39. indefinite, 40. participle, 41. impending, 42. diversify, 43. intellect, 44. lingual, 45. tainted, 46. misdirect

47. clear di____n

n. the choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing; the manner in which a person pronounces words

48. ba____e his plan

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 47. diction, 48. baffle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.
adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
2. The flu caused a _____ amount of sweating and fever.
adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
3. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
4. The company's financial troubles have resulted in an _____ hiring freeze.
adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
5. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
6. The linguists studied various _____ structures in different languages.
adj. relating to language or languages; pertaining to the tongue; involving the use of the tongue, especially in speech
7. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.
v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 1. impending, 2. profuse, 3. genesis, 4. indefinite, 5. disparity, 6. lingual, 7. imprint

8. I believe this analysis is _____ to some extent.
- v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
9. There was a _____ in her speech.
- n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
10. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to _____.
- v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
11. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
12. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
13. The meat had to be thrown out because it was _____ with bacteria.
- adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
14. The doctrine of the country was _____ by its first king.
- v.* to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
15. The job requires excellent communication skills and a _____ approach to problem-solving.
- adj.* having many different aspects, features, or sides; complex and varied

ANSWERS: 8. misdirected, 9. hesitation, 10. diversify, 11. intellect, 12. connotes, 13. tainted, 14. enunciated, 15. multifaceted

16. He _____ thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

adv. in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

17. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

18. The verb _____ is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.

n. a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

19. It would not be _____ to tell him the facts in advance.

adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected

20. The author's _____ writing style made it difficult for readers to follow his story.

adj. struggling to express oneself clearly or effectively in speech or writing; lacking the ability to communicate ideas or feelings fluently or coherently

21. Your _____ speech was inspiring and uplifting to all present.

n. a title or form of address used to show respect or honor for someone of high rank or position, such as a high-ranking official or ambassador; excellence or superiority in quality or performance

22. The author's use of sophisticated _____ added depth to his novel.

n. the choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing; the manner in which a person pronounces words

23. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

ANSWERS: 16. mistakenly, 17. baffled, 18. participle, 19. amiss, 20. inarticulate, 21. Excellency's, 22. diction, 23. urbanize

24. He received a deep _____ on his leg from the accident.

n. a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

ANSWERS: 24. gash