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Session 1: Word List

outhouse

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

synonym: latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

smelly

adj. having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

synonym: stinky, malodorous, fetid

(1) **smelly** socks, (2) **smelly** trash

I can't stand the **smelly** odor from the garbage can, and it's unbearable.

gape

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

synonym: gaze, opening, mouth

(1) **gape** in amazement, (2) bird's **gape**

The **gape** of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

prowl

v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

synonym: creep, sneak, lurch

(1) **prowl** the streets, (2) **prowl** for food

The predator began to **prowl** around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

synonym: cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do

something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

fossilized

adj. transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible

synonym : petrified, ossified, preserved

(1) obsolete **fossilized** ways, (2) a **fossilized** grove

The dinosaur bones were so old that they had been wholly **fossilized**, turning to stone over millions of years.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym : corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way
She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success
He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
synonym: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**
Please get the desk **downstairs**.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
synonym: roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia
Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

scarlet

n. a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
synonym: crimson, ruby, vermilion

(1) **scarlet** petals, (2) **scarlet** lipstick
She wore a **scarlet** dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.

orthopedic

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

synonym: skeletal, musculoskeletal, bone-related

(1) **orthopedic** shoes, (2) **orthopedic** clinic
The athlete visited the **orthopedic** surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.

wag

v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

synonym: waggle, swish, wave

(1) **wag** their laughter, (2) **wag** a forefinger

The cow lazily continued to **wag** its tail while grazing in the field.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de___r a meal v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
2. gl__m in eyes v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
3. pr__l the streets v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
4. w_g their laughter v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
5. g__e in amazement n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
6. c__w a stick of gum v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
7. have a co_____ch phobia n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
8. ru__y metal adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

ANSWERS: 1. devour, 2. gleam, 3. prowl, 4. wag, 5. gape, 6. chew, 7. cockroach, 8. rusty

9. sm___y socks *adj.* having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled
10. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
11. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
12. a cl__p of trees *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
13. cl__p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
14. pr__l for food *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
15. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
16. wooden ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
17. ort____ic shoes *adj.* relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

ANSWERS: 9. smelly, 10. devise, 11. chew, 12. clump, 13. clump, 14. prowl, 15. sneak, 16. outhouse, 17. orthopedic

18. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
19. become a mil____re *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
20. escort him dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
21. sm___y trash *adj.* having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled
22. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
23. a fos____ed grove *adj.* transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible
24. disused ou____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
25. mil____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
26. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 18. devise, 19. millionaire, 20. downstairs, 21. smelly, 22. bribe, 23. fossilized, 24. outhouse, 25. millionaire, 26. bribe

27. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
28. bird's g__e *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
29. do____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
30. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
31. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
32. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
33. w_g a forefinger *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
34. a wide do____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
35. sc_____t petals *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
36. sc_____t lipstick *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red

ANSWERS: 27. rusty, 28. gape, 29. doorway, 30. devour, 31. cockroach, 32. sneak, 33. wag, 34. doorway, 35. scarlet, 36. scarlet

37. ort_____ic clinic *adj.* relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments
38. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
39. creep dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 16. devoured, 17. Cockroaches, 18. bribe, 19. smelly, 20. gleamed