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Session 1: Word List

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit

with the students.

accelerant

n. a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process

synonym: fuel, kindling, igniter

(1) chemical **accelerant**, (2) **accelerant** for a fire

The police found traces of **accelerant** at the scene of the arson.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

lifeblood

n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

synonym: essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or

separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silos**, (2) **silos** organization

The farmer used a **silos** to store feed for the animals.

classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

synonym: categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

synonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
2. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
3. aggressive in____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
4. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
5. cl____fy images *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
6. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 1. silo, 2. instinct, 3. instinct, 4. unconventional, 5. classify, 6. silo

7. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
8. grant an am____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
9. acc_____nt for a fire *n.* a substance or material that, when added to a fire, accelerates or increases the intensity of the flames; a chemical used to initiate or speed up a chemical reaction or process
10. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
11. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
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13. the li_____od of every organization *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

ANSWERS: 7. waltz, 8. amnesty, 9. accelerant, 10. parachute, 11. parachute, 12. classify, 13. lifeblood

14. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
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ANSWERS: 14. waltz, 15. secrecy, 16. bureaucracy, 17. accelerant, 18. pentagon, 19. unconventional, 20. bureaucracy

21. pe____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
22. the li_____od of the economy *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
23. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
24. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes

ANSWERS: 21. pentagon, 22. lifeblood, 23. secrecy, 24. amnesty

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
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ANSWERS: 1. amnesty, 2. accelerant, 3. silo, 4. waltz, 5. unconventional, 6. pentagon, 7. instinct

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ANSWERS: 8. secrecy, 9. classify, 10. bureaucracy, 11. lifeblood, 12. parachutes