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Session 1: Word List

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

irrevocably

adv. in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

synonym : decisively, permanently, definitely

(1) unconditionally and **irrevocably**, (2) change **irrevocably**

The evolution of civilization has **irrevocably** improved the quality of human life.

gab

v. to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter

synonym : converse, chatter, yak

(1) **gab** on the cellular telephone, (2) haev a great **gab** session

We often **gab** about our favorite books and movies during our road trips.

prognosis

n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

synonym : prospect, forecast, diagnosis

(1) **prognosis** of cancer, (2) poor **prognosis**

The doctor gave a positive **prognosis** for her recovery from the illness.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym : shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym : appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

aphasia

n. a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

synonym : dysphasia, speech impairment, language disorder

(1) global **aphasia**, (2) amnesic **aphasia**

After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive **aphasia**, making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym: lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

treadmill

n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

synonym: exercise machine, routine

(1) **treadmill** workout, (2) nonstop **treadmill**

I like to watch TV while running on the **treadmill** to pass the time.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym: handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

boondoggle

n. a wasteful or unnecessary project or activity; work or activity of little practical value but that appears to have a purpose

synonym: foolishness, waste, nonsense

(1) **boondoggle** expenses, (2) government **boondoggle**

The government spent millions of dollars on a **boondoggle** project that never came to fruition.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

whirlwind

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

synonym : tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

commuter

n. a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

synonym : traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

clockwise

adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

synonym : rightward, deasil

(1) rotate **clockwise**, (2) move **clockwise**

We need to turn the knob **clockwise** to lock the door.

counterclockwise

adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

synonym : anticlockwise, reversely

(1) move **counterclockwise**, (2) swirl **counterclockwise**

The carousel rotates **counterclockwise** at a slow pace.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym : gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

resign

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

synonym : quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

rendezvous

n. a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

synonym : meeting, appointment, encounter

(1) romantic **rendezvous**, (2) business **rendezvous**

Our **rendezvous** point was the coffee shop on the corner.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

appetizer

n. a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite

synonym : starter, hors d'oeuvre, nibble

(1) pre-dinner **appetizer**, (2) **appetizer** snack

The grilled shrimp served as a special **appetizer** for the dinner's main course.

deadlock

n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted

synonym : stalemate, gridlock, impasse

(1) political **deadlock**, (2) **deadlock** resolution

The negotiations came to a **deadlock** when neither party could reach an agreement.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____ed to their fate
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
2. pro_____ic limbs
adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
3. de_____te a few hours
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
4. rotate cl_____se
adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
5. a t__e animal
v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
6. move cl_____se
adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
7. as_____ut in training
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
8. sc__t over
v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

ANSWERS: 1. resigned, 2. prosthetic, 3. dedicate, 4. clockwise, 5. tame, 6. clockwise, 7. astronaut, 8. scoot

9. swirl cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
10. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
11. unconditionally and irr_____ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
12. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
13. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
14. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
15. economic wh_____nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
16. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
17. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
18. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
19. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 9. counterclockwise, 10. semblance, 11. irrevocably, 12. prosthetic, 13. courageous, 14. afterward, 15. whirlwind, 16. Senate, 17. optimism, 18. doe, 19. resigned

20. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
21. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
22. haev a great g_b session *v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter
23. amnesic ap_____a *n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language
24. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
25. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
26. government boo_____le *n.* a wasteful or unnecessary project or activity; work or activity of little practical value but that appears to have a purpose

ANSWERS: 20. rehabilitate, 21. gunshot, 22. gab, 23. aphasia, 24. presume, 25. rehabilitate, 26. boondoggle

27. la__h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
28. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
29. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
30. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
31. change irr_____ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
32. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
33. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
34. grip ha_____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
35. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
36. set the la__h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
37. wh_____nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
38. poor pr_____is *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

ANSWERS: 27. latch, 28. scoot, 29. caregiving, 30. Senate, 31. irrevocably, 32. doe, 33. reclaim, 34. handlebar, 35. astronaut, 36. latch, 37. whirlwind, 38. prognosis

39. de____ck resolution *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
40. re____n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
41. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
42. gu____t wound *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
43. ap____er snack *n.* a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite
44. pr____is of cancer *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
45. former con____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
46. sense of op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 39. deadlock, 40. resign, 41. dedicate, 42. gunshot, 43. appetizer, 44. prognosis, 45. congressperson, 46. optimism

47. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
48. political de_____ck *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
49. romantic ren_____us *n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
50. boo_____le expenses *n.* a wasteful or unnecessary project or activity; work or activity of little practical value but that appears to have a purpose
51. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
52. nonstop tr_____ll *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
53. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
54. business ren_____us *n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
55. re____n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

ANSWERS: 47. afterward, 48. deadlock, 49. rendezvous, 50. boondoggle, 51. reclaim, 52. treadmill, 53. semblance, 54. rendezvous, 55. resign

56. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
57. tr_____ll workout *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
58. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
59. move cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
60. pre-dinner ap_____er *n.* a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite
61. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
62. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
63. a co_____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
64. global ap_____a *n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

ANSWERS: 56. handlebar, 57. treadmill, 58. presume, 59. counterclockwise, 60. appetizer, 61. congressperson, 62. caregiving, 63. colossal, 64. aphasia

65. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
66. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
67. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
68. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
69. co_____er shuttle *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
70. g_b on the cellular telephone *v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter
71. daily co_____er *n.* a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car
72. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 65. senator, 66. courageous, 67. tame, 68. colossal, 69. commuter, 70. gab, 71. commuter, 72. senator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. New _____ joints are less prone to metal poisoning.
adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
2. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
3. The negotiations came to a _____ when neither party could reach an agreement.
n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
4. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
5. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
6. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.
v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
7. The carousel rotates _____ at a slow pace.
adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

ANSWERS: 1. prosthetic, 2. rehabilitate, 3. deadlock, 4. Senate, 5. reclaim, 6. scoot, 7. counterclockwise

8. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
9. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.
- n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
10. The doctor gave a positive _____ for her recovery from the illness.
- n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
11. The evolution of civilization has _____ improved the quality of human life.
- adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
12. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
- adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
13. The government spent millions of dollars on a _____ project that never came to fruition.
- n.* a wasteful or unnecessary project or activity; work or activity of little practical value but that appears to have a purpose
14. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
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ANSWERS: 8. afterward, 9. handlebar, 10. prognosis, 11. irrevocably, 12. courageous, 13. boondoggle, 14. gunshot, 15. tame

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19. We went on a _____ visit to the sightseeing spot.
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20. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
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- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
22. The _____ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.
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23. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 16. treadmill, 17. senator, 18. presume, 19. whirlwind, 20. caregiving, 21. astronaut, 22. latch, 23. doe

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28. After her stroke, my grandmother suffered from expressive _____ making it difficult for her to articulate her thoughts.

- n.* a language disorder that affects a person's ability to use or understand words, often caused by brain damage, such as stroke, brain injury, or neurological condition, which can result in difficulty speaking, writing, reading, or comprehending language

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- adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

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ANSWERS: 24. congressperson, 25. colossal, 26. optimism, 27. commuter, 28. aphasia, 29. resigned, 30. clockwise

31. The grilled shrimp served as a special _____ for the dinner's main course.

n. a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite

32. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

33. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

34. We often ____ about our favorite books and movies during our road trips.

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35. Our _____ point was the coffee shop on the corner.

n. a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

36. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to _____ from her position.

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

ANSWERS: 31. appetizer, 32. semblance, 33. dedicated, 34. gab, 35. rendezvous, 36. resign