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Session 1: Word List

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

automaton

n. a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling

synonym: robot, android, cyborg

(1) **automaton** voice, (2) a lifeless **automaton**

The factory worker felt like an **automaton**, performing the same task repeatedly.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym: automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays
synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

synonym: storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival
The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym : faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation
The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

leitmotif

n. a recurring theme or melody in music or literature used to represent a character, idea, or situation associated with a specific concept or person throughout a work

synonym : theme, motif, recurring theme

(1) musical **leitmotif**, (2) symbolic **leitmotif**
The recurring **leitmotif** in the movie adds depth and symbolism to the story.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers
They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising
The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

abracadabra

n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

synonym : magic word, incantation, charm

(1) **abracadabra** magic show, (2) **abracadabra** formula

The wizard spoke the ancient **abracadabra**, and the stone door slowly began to open.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym : mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

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.

inaction

n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

synonym : idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**

Inaction in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

anthropomorphize

v. to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

synonym : personify, humanize

(1) **anthropomorphize** animals, (2) **anthropomorphize** God

The children **anthropomorphized** their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ant_____ize animals | v. | to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities |
| 2. technical ma___l | n. | someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 3. re_____re anxious patients | v. | to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 4. in_____ue him | v. | to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone |
| 5. a ma___l of beauty | n. | someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 6. de___e a plan | v. | to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination |
| 7. appearances are de_____ve | adj. | tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true |
| 8. co_____e evil spirits away | v. | to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination |
| 9. te_____t in a teapot | n. | a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings |

ANSWERS: 1. anthropomorphize, 2. marvel, 3. reassure, 4. intrigue, 5. marvel, 6. devise, 7. deceptive, 8. conjure, 9. tempest

10. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
11. ind_____ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
12. violent te_____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
13. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
14. ind_____ct memory *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
15. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
16. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
17. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
18. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
19. abr_____ra formula *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

ANSWERS: 10. reassure, 11. indistinct, 12. tempest, 13. deception, 14. indistinct, 15. robotic, 16. playwright, 17. deception, 18. centimeter, 19. abracadabra

20. a lifeless au_____on *n.* a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling
21. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
22. excuse for in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
23. symbolic le_____if *n.* a recurring theme or melody in music or literature used to represent a character, idea, or situation associated with a specific concept or person throughout a work
24. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
25. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
26. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
27. ant_____ize God *v.* to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

ANSWERS: 20. automaton, 21. irrational, 22. inaction, 23. leitmotif, 24. playwright, 25. devise, 26. intrigue, 27. anthropomorphize

28. musical le_____if *n.* a recurring theme or melody in music or literature used to represent a character, idea, or situation associated with a specific concept or person throughout a work
29. abr_____ra magic show *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
30. au_____on voice *n.* a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling
31. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
32. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
33. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
34. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
35. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

ANSWERS: 28. leitmotif, 29. abracadabra, 30. automaton, 31. robotic, 32. deceive, 33. centimeter, 34. deceive, 35. conjure

36. consequences of in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
37. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
38. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 36. inaction, 37. deceptive, 38. irrational

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
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2. The recurring _____ in the movie adds depth and symbolism to the story.
n. a recurring theme or melody in music or literature used to represent a character, idea, or situation associated with a specific concept or person throughout a work
3. The _____ shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.
adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
4. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
5. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
6. The wizard spoke the ancient _____ and the stone door slowly began to open.
n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
7. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 1. conjured, 2. leitmotif, 3. indistinct, 4. deception, 5. devise, 6. abracadabra, 7. marvel

8. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.
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13. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
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14. The factory worker felt like an _____ performing the same task repeatedly.
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ANSWERS: 8. robotic, 9. centimeter, 10. reassure, 11. tempest, 12. anthropomorphized, 13. irrational, 14. automaton, 15. deceive

16. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.
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17. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
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18. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
19. _____ in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.
n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

ANSWERS: 16. deceptive, 17. playwright's, 18. intrigues, 19. Inaction