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Session 1: Word List

pasty

n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

synonym : pastry, pie

(1) **pasty** face, (2) Cornish **pasty**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pasty** at that bakery on my way home from work.

mischievous

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

shady

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

synonym : shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym: baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

prolific

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

synonym: productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five years.

bifocal

adj. describing lenses that contain two distinct optical powers, typically used for correcting both nearsightedness and farsightedness in the same eyeglasses

synonym: dual-focus, dual-vision

(1) **bifocal** contact lens, (2) **bifocal** reading glasses

His glasses had **bifocal** lenses, allowing him to see near and far.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym : solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym : bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

entrant

n. a person or organization entering or taking part in a competition, contest, or event; someone or something that enters or is granted entry into a particular field or area

synonym: participant, competitor, contestant

(1) **entrant** fee, (2) **entrant** qualification

The **entrant** from Spain won the international cooking competition with her signature dish.

vacate

v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

synonym : empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym : battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

Session 2: Spelling

1. br____e commander
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
2. Cornish pa__y
n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
3. ent____ed ideas
adj. established firmly and securely
4. en____t qualification
n. a person or organization entering or taking part in a competition, contest, or event; someone or something that enters or is granted entry into a particular field or area
5. rescue br____e
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
6. pa__y face
n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
7. ti___r with the settings
v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

ANSWERS: 1. brigade, 2. pasty, 3. entrenched, 4. entrant, 5. brigade, 6. pasty, 7. tinker

8. va___e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
9. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
10. bi_____l reading glasses *adj.* describing lenses that contain two distinct optical powers, typically used for correcting both nearsightedness and farsightedness in the same eyeglasses
11. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
12. pr_____ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
13. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
14. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
15. nu_____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
16. killed in a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
17. international st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
18. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 8. vacate, 9. empower, 10. bifocal, 11. entrenched, 12. prolific, 13. wright, 14. energize, 15. nuisance, 16. firefight, 17. statesman, 18. app

19. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
20. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
21. incumbent leg_____or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
22. va____e a seat *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
23. traffic nu_____ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
24. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
25. mis_____us grin *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
26. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
27. ti____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
28. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

ANSWERS: 19. statesman, 20. innovate, 21. legislator, 22. vacate, 23. nuisance, 24. energize, 25. mischievous, 26. app, 27. tinker, 28. firefight

29. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
30. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
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32. em_____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
33. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
34. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
35. sh__y deal *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
36. em_____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
37. ro__e state *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
38. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
39. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

ANSWERS: 29. underlie, 30. empower, 31. bifocal, 32. embody, 33. legislator, 34. innovate, 35. shady, 36. embody, 37. rogue, 38. wright, 39. underlie

40. pr____ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
41. en____t fee *n.* a person or organization entering or taking part in a competition, contest, or event; someone or something that enters or is granted entry into a particular field or area
42. sh__y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
43. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
44. mis____us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

ANSWERS: 40. prolific, 41. entrant, 42. shady, 43. rogue, 44. mischievous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The barking dog next door is becoming quite a _____.
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v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
3. The _____ author had written over 20 books in just five years.
adj. producing many works, results, or offspring
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