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Session 1: Word List

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud

rev.

hump

n. a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
synonym: bump, protuberance, knoll

(1) get the **hump**, (2) spinal **hump**

The camel's **hump** is where it stores fat to survive in the desert.

dromedary

n. a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back

synonym: camel, one-humped camel, Arabian camel

(1) domesticated **dromedary**, (2) wild **dromedary**

I rode on the back of a **dromedary** camel during my desert safari.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym: shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym: rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be

influenced by their experiences and biases.

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.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

Session 2: Spelling

1. el_____fy the audience
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
2. low-r_v engine
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
3. co_____er of the university
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
4. wild dr_____ry
n. a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back
5. emotional er_____on
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
6. me_____s outbreak
n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
7. un_____l opportunity
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
8. in_____on research
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. rev, 3. cofounder, 4. dromedary, 5. eruption, 6. measles, 7. unequal, 8. intuition

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| 9. co_____e themselves solely | <i>v.</i> | to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 10. co_____e the scope of use | <i>v.</i> | to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 11. grant an am_____y | <i>n.</i> | a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes |
| 12. the agricultural yield per ca____a | <i>n.</i> | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 13. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> | one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 14. dispel the mis_____ion | <i>n.</i> | a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis |
| 15. show di_____t at his actions | <i>n.</i> | a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval |
| 16. co____r degree | <i>v.</i> | to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 17. commonly held mis_____ion | <i>n.</i> | a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis |
| 18. con_____ion on a promotion | <i>n.</i> | the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 19. ap_____ng behavior | <i>adj.</i> | causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant |

ANSWERS: 9. confine, 10. confine, 11. amnesty, 12. capita, 13. cofounder, 14. misconception, 15. disgust, 16. confer, 17. misconception, 18. congratulation, 19. appalling

20. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
21. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
22. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
23. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
24. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
25. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
26. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
27. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
28. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 20. chimpanzee, 21. skew, 22. unequal, 23. outnumber, 24. intuition, 25. outnumber, 26. halve, 27. preconceived, 28. bombard

29. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
30. me____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
31. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
32. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
33. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
34. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
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36. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
37. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 29. confer, 30. measles, 31. worldview, 32. rev, 33. skew, 34. worldview, 35. chimpanzee, 36. electrify, 37. capita

38. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
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44. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
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46. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
47. spinal h__p *n.* a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
48. get the h__p *n.* a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back

ANSWERS: 38. exaggerate, 39. amnesty, 40. appalling, 41. disgust, 42. dromedary, 43. congratulation, 44. halve, 45. preconceived, 46. exaggerate, 47. hump, 48. hump

49. bo____d a fort with heavy shells

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

50. er____on alert level

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 49. bombard, 50. eruption

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
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ANSWERS: 16. worldviews, 17. confined, 18. confer, 19. chimpanzee, 20. capita, 21. exaggerated, 22. dromedary, 23. preconceived

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25. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

- n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 24. outnumber, 25. misconceptions