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Session 1: Word List

cleanse

- v. to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

synonym: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

puncture

- n. a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

synonym: piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**

The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

flail

- v. to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)

synonym: thrash, beat, whip

(1) **flail** in the strong winds, (2) **flail** at the air

The dancer's arms would **flail** gracefully as she moved to the music.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym : think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym : gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

disservice

n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a

favor

synonym : injury, harm, disadvantage

(1) social **disservice**, (2) **disservice** to the public

It would be a great **disservice** not to recognize her achievements in the field.

Zeus

n. the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

synonym : king of gods, god of thunder, ruler of olympus

(1) **Zeus** statue, (2) greek mythology **Zeus**

The temple of **Zeus** at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

rabbi

n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

synonym : clergyman, priest, teacher

(1) son of a **rabbi**, (2) the city's communal **rabbi**

The chief **rabbi** chanted a prayer.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

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.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind
My left arm became **numb**.

graveyard

n. a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
synonym: cemetery, burial ground, churchyard

(1) **graveyard** of life, (2) bodies in a **graveyard**
The ancestral **graveyard** was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area
synonym: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

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.

hereditary

adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
synonym: inherited, transmitted, genetic

(1) a **hereditary** disease, (2) **hereditary** property
A **hereditary** condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature
synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**
Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym : even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

handshake

n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

synonym : greeting, handclasp, welcome

(1) **handshake** protocol, (2) virtual **handshake**

The two business partners sealed the deal with a **handshake**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. tr____se the region | v. | to cross or move through a land or water area |
| 2. bicycle pu____re | n. | a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object |
| 3. a matter for con_____ion | 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 |
| 4. juice cl____e | v. | to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body |
| 5. financially in____ed | adj. | owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness |
| 6. dr__n in a bath | v. | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 7. virtual ha_____ke | n. | a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively |

ANSWERS: 1. traverse, 2. puncture, 3. congratulation, 4. cleanse, 5. indebted, 6. drown, 7. handshake

8. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
9. fl__l in the strong winds *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
10. gr___y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
11. a her_____ry disease *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
12. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
13. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
15. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
16. dis_____ce to the public *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

ANSWERS: 8. poisonous, 9. flail, 10. grisly, 11. hereditary, 12. hopeless, 13. numb, 14. helpless, 15. numb, 16. disservice

17. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
18. gr_____rd of life *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
19. con_____ion on a promotion *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
20. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
21. social dis_____ce *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
22. fl__l at the air *v.* to wave or swing something wildly or uncontrollably; to thrash or beat something with a flail (= a type of farm tool used for threshing, which is the process of separating grains from their husks)
23. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
24. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
25. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 17. straighten, 18. graveyard, 19. congratulation, 20. trait, 21. disservice, 22. flail, 23. helpless, 24. indebted, 25. contemplate

26. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
27. Z__s statue *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
28. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
29. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
30. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
31. gr___y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
32. cl_____e the face *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
33. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 26. poisonous, 27. Zeus, 28. contemplate, 29. drown, 30. straighten, 31. grisly, 32. cleanse, 33. funnel

34. needle pu____re *n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
35. greek mythology Z__s *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
36. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
37. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
38. tr_____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
39. separatory fu___l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
40. bodies in a gr_____rd *n.* a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard
41. ha_____ke protocol *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

ANSWERS: 34. puncture, 35. Zeus, 36. confer, 37. confer, 38. traverse, 39. funnel, 40. graveyard, 41. handshake

42. the city's communal ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
43. her____ry property *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
44. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
45. son of a ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
46. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 42. rabbi, 43. hereditary, 44. trait, 45. rabbi, 46. hopeless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some species of _____ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
2. It would be a great _____ not to recognize her achievements in the field.
n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
3. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
4. A _____ condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.
adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
5. The _____ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.
adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
6. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
7. The ancestral _____ was peaceful, with rows of headstones and tall trees.
n. a cemetery, especially one in a churchyard

ANSWERS: 1. poisonous snakes, 2. disservice, 3. indebted, 4. hereditary, 5. grisly, 6. contemplated, 7. graveyard

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ANSWERS: 15. drown, 16. puncture, 17. funnel, 18. traverse, 19. congratulations, 20. helpless, 21. Zeus, 22. rabbi

23. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 23. hopeless