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Session 1: Word List

immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes

He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly

I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits

we needed.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym: passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

trolley

n. a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

synonym: cart, tram, tramcar

(1) **trolley** cart, (2) shopping **trolley**

The tourists enjoyed taking a ride on the historic **trolley** in the city.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym: summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym: buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

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**.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

respite

n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

synonym: break, interval, pause

(1) **respite** care, (2) a short **respite**

The vacation gave her a much-needed **respite** from work.

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.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

1. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
2. government bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
3. re____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
4. who____ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
5. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
6. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
7. arbitrary bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
8. an ent____stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
9. shopping tr____y *n.* a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. bureaucracy, 3. reimagine, 4. wholehearted, 5. shrug, 6. quitter, 7. bureaucracy, 8. enthusiast, 9. trolley

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| 10. p__l off easily | v. | to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables |
| 11. im_____te to the country | v. | to come to live permanently in a foreign country |
| 12. 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 |
| 13. tr_____y cart | n. | a wheeled cart or platform used for transporting items or goods; (in British English) a device for collecting electrical power from an overhead line to power an electric vehicle; (in American English) a shopping cart used in supermarkets |
| 14. great-gra_____nt | n. | a parent of one's father or mother |
| 15. red_____er a value | v. | to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost |
| 16. person of gra_____nt age | n. | a parent of one's father or mother |
| 17. re_____ne the possibilities | v. | to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |
| 18. p__l a fruit | v. | to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables |
| 19. the institute of arc_____gy | n. | the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures |
| 20. red_____er an old truth | v. | to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost |

ANSWERS: 10. peel, 11. immigrate, 12. rev, 13. trolley, 14. grandparent, 15. rediscover, 16. grandparent, 17. reimagine, 18. peel, 19. archaeology, 20. rediscover

21. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
22. ge____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
23. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
24. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
25. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
26. im_____te through available legal processes *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
27. classic car ent_____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
28. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
29. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
30. a short re_____e *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
31. ge____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

ANSWERS: 21. shrug, 22. gentrify, 23. fascinate, 24. outdo, 25. wholehearted, 26. immigrate, 27. enthusiast, 28. archaeology, 29. reclaim, 30. respite, 31. gentrify

32. 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
33. nu____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
34. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
35. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
36. re_____e care *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
37. move into a nu____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
38. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 32. rev, 33. nutshell, 34. fascinate, 35. outdo, 36. respite, 37. nutshell, 38. reclaim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
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7. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
 - v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 1. gentrify, 2. respite, 3. nutshell?, 4. enthusiasts, 5. outdo, 6. rediscovered, 7. reimagine

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ANSWERS: 8. grandparents, 9. trolley, 10. bureaucracy, 11. fascinated, 12. peeled, 13. rev, 14. shrug, 15. immigrated

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17. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

ANSWERS: 16. archaeology, 17. quitter, 18. reclaim, 19. wholehearted