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Session 1: Word List

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

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.

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**?

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.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

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.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural

balance.

jolt v. to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock
synonym : shock, jar, bump

(1) **jolt** entire social systems, (2) **jolt** of excitement

The news of the unexpected announcement **jolted** the stock market.

massacre n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

stubborn adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

obsess v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

stun v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

overvalue

v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

synonym: overestimate, inflate, exaggerate

(1) **overvalue** stocks, (2) **overvalue** assets

It is important not to **overvalue** material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

workaround

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

synonym: alternative, temporary fix, quick-fix

(1) **workaround** solution, (2) software **workaround**

When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick **workaround** to save my progress.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

totalitarian

adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

synonym: dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the escape from dy____ia
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
2. brake a r_b
n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
3. di____b his sleep
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
4. di_____te impact
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
5. s__n an audience
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
6. st_____rn stains
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
7. bri_____ly executed
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
8. j__t of excitement
v. to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock

ANSWERS: 1. dystopia, 2. rib, 3. disturb, 4. disparate, 5. stun, 6. stubborn, 7. brilliantly, 8. jolt

9. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
10. ov_____ue stocks *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
11. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
12. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
13. j__t entire social systems *v.* to move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion; to disturb someone's composure); (noun) a sudden, sharp movement or shock
14. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
15. business ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
16. software wor_____nd *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

ANSWERS: 9. undervalue, 10. overvalue, 11. massacre, 12. disturb, 13. jolt, 14. entitle, 15. jargon, 16. workaround

17. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
18. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
19. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
20. 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
21. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
22. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
23. 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
24. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

ANSWERS: 17. slang, 18. resourceful, 19. captivity, 20. bombard, 21. drown, 22. superhero, 23. nutshell, 24. slang

25. ov_____ue assets *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
26. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
27. scientific ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
28. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
29. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
30. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
31. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
32. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 25. overvalue, 26. undervalue, 27. jargon, 28. tweet, 29. captivity, 30. rib, 31. quitter, 32. stubborn

33. ob___s over her weight
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
34. physically di_____te location
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
35. he is ob___sed with the fear
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
36. co_____l a close relationship
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
37. a chick's tw__t
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
38. co_____l my identity
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
39. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. tot_____ian state
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
41. 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
42. tot_____ian ideology
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
43. bri_____ly lit
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 33. obsess, 34. disparate, 35. obsess, 36. conceal, 37. tweet, 38. conceal, 39. opportune, 40. totalitarian, 41. nutshell, 42. totalitarian, 43. brilliantly

44. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
46. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
47. wor_____nd solution *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
48. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
49. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
50. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
51. 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

ANSWERS: 44. opportune, 45. freeway, 46. stun, 47. workaround, 48. massacre, 49. superhero, 50. entitle, 51. bombard

52. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
53. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
54. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
55. res____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
56. expanded fr____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 52. drown, 53. dystopia, 54. quitter, 55. resourceful, 56. freeway

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

2. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

3. When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick _____ to save my progress.
n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

4. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

5. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

6. The government was criticized for having a _____ regime.
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

7. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. massacre, 3. workaround, 4. resourceful, 5. stunned, 6. totalitarian, 7. brilliantly

8. Can you explain your argument in a _____
- 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
9. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
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10. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
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ANSWERS: 8. nutshell?, 9. superhero, 10. disparate, 11. jolted, 12. disturb, 13. stubborn, 14. captivity

15. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
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ANSWERS: 15. bombard, 16. overvalue, 17. entitled, 18. jargon, 19. drown, 20. tweet, 21. concealed

22. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
23. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
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24. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
26. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
27. The accident caused a cracked _____.
- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
28. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
- v.* to assign too low a value to something

ANSWERS: 22. dystopias, 23. slang, 24. opportune, 25. freeway, 26. obsessed, 27. rib, 28. undervalued