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Session 1: Word List

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym : second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

starship

n. a spacecraft designed for long-distance travel between stars; a fictional spacecraft used in science fiction

synonym: interstellar vessel, spaceship, galactic craft

(1) **starship** captain, (2) futuristic **starship** design

The **starship** crew encountered an alien race they had never seen before.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

sassy

adj. rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit

synonym: impudent, audacious, rude

(1) a **sassy** child, (2) talk **sassy** to the teacher

My son has been getting **sassy** recently.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

furrow

n. a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

synonym: groove, trench, rut

(1) ploughed **furrow**, (2) narrow **furrow**

The farmer plowed deep **furrows** in the field before planting his crops.

brow

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

synonym : forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym : zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

queasy

adj. feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious

synonym : nauseous, unsettled, noisome

(1) **queasy** stomach, (2) feel **queasy**

The swirling motion of the boat made me **queasy**, and I had to sit down to avoid getting sick.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym : perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

unwise

adj. not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense

synonym : absurd, ill-advised, imprudent

(1) **unwise** decision, (2) **unwise** strategy

Ignoring warning signs of a potential health issue is **unwise** and can harm your health.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un___e strategy *adj.* not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense
2. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
3. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
4. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
5. lie_____nt general *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
6. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
7. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
8. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
9. un___e decision *adj.* not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense

ANSWERS: 1. unwise, 2. plow, 3. tempting, 4. astronaut, 5. lieutenant, 6. tempting, 7. spaceship, 8. pinpoint, 9. unwise

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| 10. furrowed b__w | <i>n.</i> the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead |
| 11. bu___e shoe | <i>v.</i> to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap |
| 12. second lie_____nt | <i>n.</i> a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer |
| 13. ploughed fu___w | <i>n.</i> a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face |
| 14. pi_____nt signs of manipulation | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something |
| 15. as_____ut mission | <i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere |
| 16. w__p under pressure | <i>v.</i> to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something |
| 17. ins_____ul analysis | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject |
| 18. become w__ped | <i>v.</i> to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something |
| 19. st_____ip captain | <i>n.</i> a spacecraft designed for long-distance travel between stars; a fictional spacecraft used in science fiction |

ANSWERS: 10. brow, 11. buckle, 12. lieutenant, 13. furrow, 14. pinpoint, 15. astronaut, 16. warp, 17. insightful, 18. warp, 19. starship

20. a sa__y child *adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit
21. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
22. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
23. futuristic st_____ip design *n.* a spacecraft designed for long-distance travel between stars; a fictional spacecraft used in science fiction
24. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
25. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
26. a sp_____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
27. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
28. talk sa__y to the teacher *adj.* rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit

ANSWERS: 20. sassy, 21. subordinate, 22. meaningless, 23. starship, 24. plow, 25. subordinate, 26. spaceship, 27. insightful, 28. sassy

29. the b__w of a hill *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
30. feel qu___y *adj.* feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious
31. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
32. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
33. qu___y stomach *adj.* feeling or causing discomfort or unease, especially about one's stomach; nauseated or sick; squeamish or easily made to feel unsettled or anxious
34. narrow fu___w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
35. w__z kid *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
36. w__z through the book *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

ANSWERS: 29. brow, 30. queasy, 31. meaningless, 32. buckle, 33. queasy, 34. furrow, 35. whiz, 36. whiz

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ crew encountered an alien race they had never seen before.
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2. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

3. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

4. The farmer plowed deep _____ in the field before planting his crops.
n. a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

5. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

6. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.
v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

7. His _____ comments added a new perspective to the discussion.
adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

ANSWERS: 1. starship, 2. plow, 3. meaningless, 4. furrows, 5. astronaut, 6. buckled, 7. insightful

8. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

9. The racing car _____ past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

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10. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.

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11. The swirling motion of the boat made me _____ and I had to sit down to avoid getting sick.

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12. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

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13. My son has been getting _____ recently.

adj. rude and showing a lack of respect; energetic, bold, and full of spirit

14. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

ANSWERS: 8. tempting, 9. whizzed, 10. lieutenant, 11. queasy, 12. subordinate, 13. sassy, 14. pinpoints

15. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

16. Ignoring warning signs of a potential health issue is _____ and can harm your health.

adj. not sensible or prudent; likely to cause harm or negative consequences; lacking in good judgment or common sense

17. They launched a crewless _____ into space.

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

18. She wiped the sweat from her _____ after finishing the marathon.

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

ANSWERS: 15. warped, 16. unwise, 17. spaceship, 18. brow