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Session 1: Word List

stout

adj. having a strong and sturdy build or physique; thick or robust in nature; brave and determined

synonym : robust, sturdy, strong

(1) **stout** shoes, (2) build a **stout** fence

The **stout** oak tree provided shade for the picnic attendees.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym : raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

synonym : pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

noir

adj. a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

synonym : dark, shadowy, black

(1) **noir** crime novel, (2) **noir** atmosphere

The film **noir** genre is known for its dark and brooding atmosphere.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym : obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym : enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym : come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

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.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym: cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

palliate

v. to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause

synonym: extenuate, soothe, relieve

(1) **palliate** symptoms, (2) attempts to **palliate**

The charity provided meals and shelter to **palliate** the suffering of the homeless population.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to

help with various ailments.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

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.

valiant

adj. brave and courageous; marked by great courage or determination in the face of danger or adversity

synonym : brave, courageous, heroic

(1) show **valiant** spirit, (2) **valiant** knight

The teacher made a **valiant** effort to inspire her students to pursue their dreams.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

witty

adj. cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way

synonym : clever, humorous, satirical

(1) **witty** cartoon, (2) make **witty** remarks

The comedian's **witty** jokes had the audience in stitches.

lovable

adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

synonym : adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature

The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

hospice

n. a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support

synonym : palliative care, nursing home, care center

(1) **hospice** care, (2) home **hospice**

The **hospice** team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who work together to provide comprehensive care.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym : inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

deserted

adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

synonym: abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

entreaty

n. a humble or earnest request or plea, often made with great sincerity or urgency; an appeal for help or sympathy, usually for a desired outcome

synonym: plea, appeal, supplication

(1) pleading **entreaty**, (2) the **entreaty** of the activists

Her passionate **entreaty** for change moved the hearts of those in the audience.

cower

v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

synonym : crouch, tremble, cringe

(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure

The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym : goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pa_____te symptoms | <i>v.</i> to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause |
| 2. ho_____ss situation | <i>adj.</i> having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success |
| 3. cou_____us rescue attempt | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |
| 4. inv_____le army | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable |
| 5. make a cou_____us decision | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |
| 6. unp_____ed speech | <i>adj.</i> not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready |
| 7. el__e responsibility for the failure | <i>v.</i> to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning |
| 8. perform without hes_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous |
| 9. ho_____ss at everything | <i>adj.</i> having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success |
| 10. the members of a military tr__p | <i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit. |
| 11. de_____ed island | <i>adj.</i> empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind |

ANSWERS: 1. palliate, 2. hopeless, 3. courageous, 4. invincible, 5. courageous, 6. unprepared, 7. elude, 8. hesitation, 9. hopeless, 10. troop, 11. deserted

12. re____ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
13. make wi__y remarks *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
14. st__t shoes *adj.* having a strong and sturdy build or physique; thick or robust in nature; brave and determined
15. so____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
16. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
17. on____gy center *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
18. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
19. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
20. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
21. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 12. reappear, 13. witty, 14. stout, 15. soybean, 16. exhilarating, 17. oncology, 18. exceedingly, 19. medicinal, 20. scribble, 21. irrational

22. so____n production *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
23. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
24. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
25. build a st__t fence *adj.* having a strong and sturdy build or physique; thick or robust in nature; brave and determined
26. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
27. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
28. wi__y cartoon *adj.* cleverly amusing or entertaining, especially in a spontaneous or impromptu way
29. n__r crime novel *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French
30. co__r under pressure *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 22. soybean, 23. exhilarating, 24. firsthand, 25. stout, 26. scribble, 27. setback, 28. witty, 29. noir, 30. cower

31. lo____e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
32. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
33. de_____ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
34. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
35. sw__e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
36. pleading en_____ty *n.* a humble or earnest request or plea, often made with great sincerity or urgency; an appeal for help or sympathy, usually for a desired outcome
37. attempts to pa_____te *v.* to make a disease, condition, or symptom appear less severe or intense than it actually is; to alleviate or ease symptoms without curing the underlying cause
38. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
39. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
40. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

ANSWERS: 31. lovable, 32. embarrass, 33. deserted, 34. bury, 35. swine, 36. entreaty, 37. palliate, 38. heroic, 39. redefine, 40. elude

41. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
42. ho_____e care *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
43. n__r atmosphere *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French
44. unp_____ed for the exam *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
45. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
46. home ho_____e *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
47. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
48. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 41. owl, 42. hospice, 43. noir, 44. unprepared, 45. bury, 46. hospice, 47. farewell, 48. embarrass

49. va____t knight *adj.* brave and courageous; marked by great courage or determination in the face of danger or adversity
50. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
51. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
52. inv____le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
53. re____ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
54. show va____t spirit *adj.* brave and courageous; marked by great courage or determination in the face of danger or adversity
55. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
56. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
57. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
58. sw__e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
59. irr____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 49. valiant, 50. foe, 51. immortal, 52. invincible, 53. reappear, 54. valiant, 55. foe, 56. owl, 57. conquer, 58. swine, 59. irrational

60. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
61. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
62. co__r in fear *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
63. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
64. suffer a se____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
65. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
66. a lo____e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
67. the en____ty of the activists *n.* a humble or earnest request or plea, often made with great sincerity or urgency; an appeal for help or sympathy, usually for a desired outcome
68. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 60. heroic, 61. quitter, 62. cower, 63. medicinal, 64. setback, 65. troop, 66. lovable, 67. entreaty, 68. redefine

69. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
70. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
71. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
72. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
73. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
74. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
75. modern on_____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
76. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

ANSWERS: 69. quitter, 70. farewell, 71. exceedingly, 72. conquer, 73. firsthand, 74. immortal, 75. oncology, 76. hesitation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
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adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
3. The _____ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
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n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
6. The farmer raises _____ on his farm for the market.
n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
7. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
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8. The _____ street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.
adj. empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

ANSWERS: 1. conquer, 2. immortal, 3. unprepared, 4. stout, 5. owl, 6. swine, 7. eluded, 8. deserted

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