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Session 1: Word List

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym: terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

penultimate

adj. second to last in a series or sequence; coming right before the final or ultimate one

synonym: second-to-last

(1) **penultimate** paragraph, (2) **penultimate** stage

The **penultimate** chapter of the book reveals the unexpected twist in the plot.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym : authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its downfall.

conflate

v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one

synonym : fuse, blend, merge

(1) **conflate** ideas, (2) **conflate** data

It's important not to **conflate** two issues when analyzing a complex situation.

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.

- hail**
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
- synonym* : greet, salute, welcome
- (1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast
- People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- greet**
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
- synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge
- (1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea
- He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- acclaim**
- n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
- synonym* : praise, admiration, welcome
- (1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**
- The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.
- enthusiastically**
- adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
- synonym* : fervently, eagerly, passionately
- (1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**
- The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.
- toolbox**
- n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
- synonym* : tool chest, tool kit, tool bag
- (1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage
- You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case

of an emergency.

rummage

v. to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly

synonym: search, ransack, dig up

(1) **rummage** about in the room, (2) **rummage** through his mind

The police **rummaged** through his belongings, looking for illegal drugs.

falsetto

n. a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range

synonym: high-pitched, alto, countertenor

(1) sing in **falsetto**, (2) high **falsetto** voice

The singer hit an impressive **falsetto** note during the concert.

timbre

n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

synonym: resonance, tone, inflection

(1) the **timbre** of a musical sound, (2) the **timbre** of her soprano

His voice had a deep **timbre**.

prosody

n. the patterns of rhythm and sound in language, including the study of meter, rhyme, and intonation; the study of versification and poetic structure; the way in which speech sounds, stress patterns, and intonation are used in poetry and formal speech

synonym: meter, rhythm, verse

(1) emotional **prosody**, (2) unique **prosody** style

The **prosody** analysis of the poem revealed intricate rhythmic patterns.

meta

adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other

online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

synonym : self-referential, introspective, recursive

(1) **meta-analysis**, (2) **meta-language**

The **meta** description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym : pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

monotone

n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality

synonym : sameness, monotony, uniformity

(1) **monotone** rhythm, (2) speak in a **monotone**

The professor spoke for hours in a **monotone**, putting his students to sleep.

monotonous

adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

synonym : tedious, dull, boring

(1) **monotonous** routine, (2) **monotonous** job

The **monotonous** task of data entry required intense concentration.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym :

thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

startle

v. to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

synonym: frighten, shock, surprise

(1) **startle** for a moment, (2) **startle** the world

The loud bang outside the window caused him to **startle** and spill his coffee.

sod

n. a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

synonym: turf, dirt, ground

(1) **sod** house, (2) **sod** roof

I slipped and fell on the wet **sod** after the rainstorm.

inconsiderate

adj. not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others

synonym: thoughtless, selfish, rude

(1) **inconsiderate** remarks, (2) **inconsiderate** actions

It was incredibly **inconsiderate** of him to cancel plans at the last minute without giving any notice.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

acoustics

n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

(1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**

The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
2. design to_____x *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
3. ac_____m the winner *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
4. treated with royal ac_____m *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
5. a s___m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
6. h___l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
7. to_____x storage *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

ANSWERS: 1. consciously, 2. toolbox, 3. acclaim, 4. acclaim, 5. sham, 6. hail, 7. toolbox

8. unique pr____y style
- n.* the patterns of rhythm and sound in language, including the study of meter, rhyme, and intonation; the study of versification and poetic structure; the way in which speech sounds, stress patterns, and intonation are used in poetry and formal speech
9. s_d house
- n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt
10. st____e the world
- v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
11. the ti___e of a musical sound
- n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
12. inc_____ate remarks
- adj.* not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others
13. im___t basic knowledge
- v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
14. the engineer of ac____cs
- n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

ANSWERS: 8. prosody, 9. sod, 10. startle, 11. timbre, 12. inconsiderate, 13. impart, 14. acoustics

15. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
16. ru_____e about in the room *v.* to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly
17. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
18. high fa_____to voice *n.* a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range
19. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
20. ru_____e through his mind *v.* to search for something thoroughly by moving things around unsystematically and carelessly
21. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
22. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
23. s_d roof *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

ANSWERS: 15. enthusiastically, 16. rummage, 17. exhaustive, 18. falsetto, 19. exaggeration, 20. rummage, 21. exaggeration, 22. hail, 23. sod

24. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
25. dr_____ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
26. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
27. emotional pr_____y *n.* the patterns of rhythm and sound in language, including the study of meter, rhyme, and intonation; the study of versification and poetic structure; the way in which speech sounds, stress patterns, and intonation are used in poetry and formal speech
28. st_____e for a moment *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
29. dr_____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
30. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
31. co_____te data *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
32. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 24. exaggerate, 25. dreadful, 26. pretension, 27. prosody, 28. startle, 29. dreadful, 30. applause, 31. conflate, 32. greet

33. 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
34. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
35. ent_____ly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
36. do____ic beliefs *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
37. the ti___e of her soprano *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
38. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
39. 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
40. co____te ideas *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
41. mo____ne rhythm *n.* a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality

ANSWERS: 33. bombard, 34. sham, 35. enthusiastically, 36. dogmatic, 37. timbre, 38. excite, 39. bombard, 40. conflate, 41. monotone

42. sing in fa_____to *n.* a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range
43. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
44. do_____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
45. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
46. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
47. pen_____te stage *adj.* second to last in a series or sequence; coming right before the final or ultimate one
48. mon_____us routine *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
49. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
50. m__a-language *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

ANSWERS: 42. falsetto, 43. pretension, 44. dogmatic, 45. exhaustive, 46. exaggerate, 47. penultimate, 48. monotonous, 49. consciously, 50. meta

51. gr__t an idea
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
52. specialize in ac_____cs
n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
53. im___t a secret
v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
54. m__a-analysis
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55. mon_____us job
adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
56. speak in a mo_____ne
n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
57. earn ap_____se
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
58. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
59. inc_____ate actions
adj. not showing concern or care for the feelings, needs, or well-being of others; thoughtless; lacking consideration for others

ANSWERS: 51. greet, 52. acoustics, 53. impart, 54. meta, 55. monotonous, 56. monotone, 57. applause, 58. excite, 59. inconsiderate

60. pen_____te paragraph

adj. second to last in a series or sequence;
coming right before the final or ultimate
one

ANSWERS: 60. penultimate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
2. The singer hit an impressive _____ note during the concert.
n. a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range
3. The conditions of the prison were _____ and inhumane.
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
4. The professor spoke for hours in a _____ putting his students to sleep.
n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
5. The loud bang outside the window caused him to _____ and spill his coffee.
v. to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
6. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. The _____ burst from the audience.
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8. The _____ description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.
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ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. falsetto, 3. dreadful, 4. monotone, 5. startle, 6. excited, 7.

applause, 8. meta

9. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

10. The _____ chapter of the book reveals the unexpected twist in the plot.

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11. I slipped and fell on the wet ____ after the rainstorm.

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adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

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ANSWERS: 24. pretensions, 25. exaggerated, 26. exaggerations, 27. conflate, 28. greeted, 29. acclaim, 30. dogmatic

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