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Session 1: Word List

- app** *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
synonym : application, software
(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.
- 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.
- bougie** *adj.* (of medicine) a thin, flexible surgical instrument used to explore or dilate an opening; (adjective, a slang term short for "bourgeoisie") referring to someone or something seen as aspiring to or reflecting upper-middle-class or pretentious tastes, attitudes, or behaviors
synonym : snobby, pretentious, elitist
(1) **bougie** lifestyle, (2) bronchial **bougie**
The surgeon used an esophageal **bougie** to dilate the stricture before inserting the endoscope.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

pep

n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

synonym: energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

buzzword

n. a word or phrase that is fashionable or popular within a particular industry, field, or culture, often used to convey

a sense of innovation or sophistication

synonym: cant, catchphrase, trendy word

(1) **buzzword** bingo, (2) business **buzzwords**

Synergy has become such a **buzzword** in the business world that it has lost its meaning.

sleazy

adj. marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature

synonym: shabby, seedy, cheap

(1) **sleazy** business dealings, (2) **sleazy** behavior

The **sleazy** bar down the street was known for attracting the wrong crowd.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

skit

n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

synonym: sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

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.

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence
synonym: not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**
The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

streamer

n. a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

synonym: banner, flag, bunting

(1) trail a **streamer**, (2) game **streamer**

The cooking **streamer** demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

Session 2: Spelling

1. comedy s__t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
2. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
3. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
4. trail a st____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
5. make dr____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
6. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
7. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
8. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 1. skit, 2. distort, 3. app, 4. streamer, 5. drastic, 6. twitch, 7. insecure, 8. embarrass

9. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
10. ins_____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
11. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
12. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
13. bo___e lifestyle *adj.* (of medicine) a thin, flexible surgical instrument used to explore or dilate an opening; (adjective, a slang term short for "bourgeoisie") referring to someone or something seen as aspiring to or reflecting upper-middle-class or pretentious tastes, attitudes, or behaviors
14. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
15. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
16. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
17. sl___y business dealings *adj.* marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature
18. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 9. afterward, 10. instantaneous, 11. mindset, 12. excite, 13. bougie, 14. distort, 15. inconvenient, 16. disappoint, 17. sleazy, 18. mindset

19. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
20. bronchial bo___e *adj.* (of medicine) a thin, flexible surgical instrument used to explore or dilate an opening; (adjective, a slang term short for "bourgeoisie") referring to someone or something seen as aspiring to or reflecting upper-middle-class or pretentious tastes, attitudes, or behaviors
21. bu_____rd bingo *n.* a word or phrase that is fashionable or popular within a particular industry, field, or culture, often used to convey a sense of innovation or sophistication
22. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
23. have a lot of p_ps *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
24. sl___y behavior *adj.* marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature
25. presently non_____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
26. p_p me up *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
27. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 19. instantaneous, 20. bougie, 21. buzzword, 22. insecure, 23. pep, 24. sleazy, 25. non-existent, 26. pep, 27. confuse

28. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
29. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
30. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
31. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
32. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
33. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
34. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
35. business bu_____rds *n.* a word or phrase that is fashionable or popular within a particular industry, field, or culture, often used to convey a sense of innovation or sophistication
36. dr_____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
37. game st_____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

ANSWERS: 28. twitch, 29. superpower, 30. confuse, 31. afterward, 32. stereotype, 33. pandemic, 34. pandemic, 35. buzzword, 36. drastic, 37. streamer

38. non_____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
39. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
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41. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
42. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
43. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
44. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
45. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
46. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 38. non-existent, 39. inconvenient, 40. skit, 41. stereotype, 42. embarrass, 43. superpower, 44. app, 45. disappoint, 46. excite

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
 - the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
- Synergy has become such a _____ in the business world that it has lost its meaning.
 - a word or phrase that is fashionable or popular within a particular industry, field, or culture, often used to convey a sense of innovation or sophistication
- Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
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- Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
 - to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
- She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
 - to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
- The coach gave a ___ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.
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ANSWERS: 8. confused, 9. embarrass, 10. superpower, 11. twitching, 12. pandemic, 13. instantaneous, 14. drastic, 15. streamer

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ANSWERS: 16. inconvenient, 17. skit, 18. non-existent, 19. insecure, 20. afterward, 21. app's, 22. excited, 23. sleazy