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Session 1: Word List

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

grayscale

adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from

white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout

synonym: monochrome, black-and-white, gray

(1) website in **grayscale**, (2) **grayscale** printing

The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a **grayscale** image indicating a bone fracture.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

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.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

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.

clumsy

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
synonym: awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

smear

v. to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one

synonym: smudge, spread, daub

(1) **smear** butter on bread, (2) **smear** of blood

The politician tried to **smear** his opponent's reputation with false accusations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the nation's ca_____l
n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
2. fli_____ng hope
adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
3. fa_____te the public
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
4. gr_____le printing
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5. website in gr_____le
adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout
6. mi__c numerous instruments
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
7. Ca_____l Hill hearing
n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
8. fo_____e challenges
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 1. capitol, 2. flickering, 3. fascinate, 4. grayscale, 5. grayscale, 6. mimic, 7. capitol, 8. foresee

9. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
10. cl___y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
11. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. cl___y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
13. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
14. ph_____op the background of the image *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
15. sm__r of blood *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one
16. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
17. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
19. sm__r butter on bread *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one

ANSWERS: 9. mimic, 10. clumsy, 11. embarrass, 12. clumsy, 13. foresee, 14. photoshop, 15. smear, 16. flickering, 17. excite, 18. fascinate, 19. smear

20. ex___e the crowd v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
21. em_____ss political enemy v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
22. ph_____op a picture v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

ANSWERS: 20. excite, 21. embarrass, 22. photoshop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a _____ image indicating a bone fracture.

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2. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

3. The _____ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

4. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

5. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

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v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

7. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 1. grayscale, 2. flickering, 3. clumsy, 4. foresee, 5. fascinated, 6. photoshopped, 7. capitol

8. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
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10. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
11. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 8. mimic, 9. smear, 10. embarrass, 11. excited