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Session 1: Word List

- nod**
- v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
- synonym*: respond, acknowledge, greet
- (1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
- She **noded** quietly in response to the question.
- clang**
- v. to make a loud, resonant, metallic sound, often by striking two hard surfaces together; (noun) a loud, resonant, metallic sound, typically produced by striking two hard surfaces together
- synonym*: clatter, rattle, ring
- (1) gate **clang** shut, (2) **clang** of machinery
- The pots and pans in the kitchen began to **clang** loudly as the train passed.
- 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.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

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.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

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.

perplex

v. to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve

synonym : confuse, astonish, puzzle

(1) **perplex** a person, (2) **perplex** him with questions
The major changes in the interface **perplexed** users greatly.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy
This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

lingo

n. the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession

synonym : language, jargon, slang

(1) computer **lingo**, (2) medical **lingo**
The language used in the article was technical **lingo**, making it difficult for non-experts to understand.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**
The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

mumbo

n. a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask

synonym : nonsense, gibberish, hocus-pocus

(1) **mumbo-jumbo** mystery, (2) science **mumbo** jumbo

The politician's speech was **jumbo** and needed to be clearer to the audience.

jumbo

n. an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"

synonym: elephantine, mammoth, giant

(1) **jumbo** jet, (2) **jumbo** shrimp

I need to buy a **jumbo-sized** bag of dog food for my large-breed puppy.

tidbit

n. a small and interesting or tasty piece of information, news, or gossip; a small and appetizing item of food or delicacy

synonym: morsel, snack, nibble

(1) amusing **tidbit**, (2) **tidbit** of gossip

The teacher shared a **tidbit** of historical trivia to spark the students' interest.

aneurysm

n. an abnormal, localized, and often dangerous bulging or dilation of a blood vessel, typically an artery, due to weakening of the vessel wall

synonym: balloon, bulge, swelling

(1) **aneurysm** rupture, (2) cerebral **aneurysm**

The patient was rushed to the hospital after experiencing a sudden **aneurysm** in his brain.

thorax

n. the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen

synonym: chest, midsection, upper body

(1) **thorax** segment, (2) **thorax** anatomy

The insect's **thorax** is the middle section, where the wings and legs attach.

aorta

n. the main and largest artery (= thick tube that carries blood from the heart to the body) in the human body

originating from the heart

(1) abdominal **aorta**, (2) repair of an **aorta**

The patient will undergo bypass surgery of the **aorta** today.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym: boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge
It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an_____sm rupture | <i>n.</i> an abnormal, localized, and often dangerous bulging or dilation of a blood vessel, typically an artery, due to weakening of the vessel wall |
| 2. tr_____nd limits | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something |
| 3. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 4. ev__e sympathy | <i>v.</i> to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 5. medical li__o | <i>n.</i> the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession |
| 6. ev__e a sense of awe | <i>v.</i> to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 7. hu_____ze a room | <i>v.</i> to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans |
| 8. em___y a spirit of charity | <i>v.</i> to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 9. ju__o shrimp | <i>n.</i> an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo" |
| 10. ca_____al choir | <i>n.</i> the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area |

ANSWERS: 1. aneurysm, 2. transcend, 3. confuse, 4. evoke, 5. lingo, 6. evoke, 7. humanize, 8. embody, 9. jumbo, 10. cathedral

11. gate cl__g shut *v.* to make a loud, resonant, metallic sound, often by striking two hard surfaces together; (noun) a loud, resonant, metallic sound, typically produced by striking two hard surfaces together
12. computer li__o *n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
13. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
14. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
15. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
16. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
17. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
18. amusing ti___t *n.* a small and interesting or tasty piece of information, news, or gossip; a small and appetizing item of food or delicacy
19. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

ANSWERS: 11. clang, 12. lingo, 13. beak, 14. cathedral, 15. sect, 16. embody, 17. nod, 18. tidbit, 19. disseminate

20. business ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
21. abdominal ao__a *n.* the main and largest artery (= thick tube that carries blood from the heart to the body) in the human body originating from the heart
22. repair of an ao__a *n.* the main and largest artery (= thick tube that carries blood from the heart to the body) in the human body originating from the heart
23. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
24. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
25. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
26. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
27. 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
28. cl__g of machinery *v.* to make a loud, resonant, metallic sound, often by striking two hard surfaces together; (noun) a loud, resonant, metallic sound, typically produced by striking two hard surfaces together

ANSWERS: 20. jargon, 21. aorta, 22. aorta, 23. cultivate, 24. fascinate, 25. disseminate, 26. transcend, 27. buzzword, 28. clang

29. th___x anatomy *n.* the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen
30. 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
31. pe_____x a person *v.* to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve
32. th___x segment *n.* the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen
33. ti___t of gossip *n.* a small and interesting or tasty piece of information, news, or gossip; a small and appetizing item of food or delicacy
34. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
35. scientific ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
36. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 29. thorax, 30. buzzword, 31. perplex, 32. thorax, 33. tidbit, 34. humanize, 35. jargon, 36. sect

37. cerebral an_____sm *n.* an abnormal, localized, and often dangerous bulging or dilation of a blood vessel, typically an artery, due to weakening of the vessel wall
38. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
39. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
40. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
41. mu__o-jumbo mystery *n.* a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask
42. science mu__o jumbo *n.* a meaningless word or phrase used to distract, deceive or confuse someone; a type of African ceremonial mask
43. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
44. pe_____x him with questions *v.* to make someone confused or worried because something is difficult to understand or solve
45. ju__o jet *n.* an extremely large or heavy object; an African elephant that was exhibited in a circus in the late 19th century and early 20th century and became widely known as "Jumbo"
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47. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
48. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
49. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
50. act of au____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

ANSWERS: 47. gutsy, 48. nod, 49. confuse, 50. audacity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
 - v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

2. The patient was rushed to the hospital after experiencing a sudden _____ in his brain.
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7. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
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ANSWERS: 24. jumbo-sized, 25. gutsy