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Session 1: Word List

multiplayer

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

synonym : multiuser, collaborative, team-based

(1) **multiplayer** game, (2) **multiplayer** experience

The game has a **multiplayer** mode where you can play with friends online.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

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.

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.

bask

v. to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment

synonym: sunbathe, lounge, relax

(1) **bask** in the sun, (2) **bask** in the attention

The lizard **basked** on the warm rock for hours.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

oxytocin

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

biochemical

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

synonym : molecular, biological

(1) **biochemical** reaction, (2) complex **biochemical**

Biochemical research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

grandmaster

n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity

synonym : champion, expert, master

(1) **grandmaster** level, (2) martial arts **grandmaster**

The chess **grandmaster** easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wo____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
2. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
4. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
6. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. ox_____in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
8. ox_____in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
9. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 1. wondrous, 2. excite, 3. swoop, 4. opportune, 5. hands-on, 6. excite, 7. oxytocin, 8. oxytocin, 9. nod

10. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
11. complex bio_____al *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
12. gra_____er level *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
13. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
14. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. b__k in the attention *v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
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17. bio_____al reaction *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
18. mul_____er experience *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

ANSWERS: 10. onstage, 11. biochemical, 12. grandmaster, 13. recap, 14. opportune, 15. bask, 16. nod, 17. biochemical, 18. multiplayer

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29. sw__p up the escalator

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

30. walk on____e

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

ANSWERS: 29. swoop, 30. onstage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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