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Session 1: Word List

pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

synonym: summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

christen

v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

synonym: baptize, name, initiate

(1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism

The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym: agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

dissenter

n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

synonym: protester, nonconformist, heretic

(1) political **dissenter**, (2) radical **dissenter**

The university welcomed and encouraged **dissenters** to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

desist

v. to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order

synonym: cease, stop, discontinue

(1) **desist** from smoking, (2) **desist** from political support

The neighbors asked the construction crew to **desist** from working during the night.

dilution

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

synonym: diluting, reduction, weakening

(1) **dilution** of power, (2) **dilution** of the original message

The **dilution** of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym: recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym: nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym: icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

concoction

n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

synonym: mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**

The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

foreboding

n. a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

synonym: premonition, omen, portent

(1) **foreboding** sign, (2) ominous **foreboding**

The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of **foreboding** and made everyone anxious.

newfangled

adj. recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven

synonym: innovative, modern, novel

(1) **newfangled** technology, (2) **newfangled** idea

The **newfangled** gadget was a hit at the trade show.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

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.

inexperienced

adj. lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

synonym: novice, green, unseasoned

(1) **inexperienced** actor, (2) **inexperienced** employee

The young doctor was **inexperienced** in handling such a complicated case.

shameless

adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

synonym: brazen, unashamed, audacious

(1) **shameless** behavior, (2) **shameless** liar

He acted in a **shameless** way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

aversion

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

synonym : dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

predisposition

n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **predisposition** to anxiety, (2) genetic **predisposition**

Smoking can increase a person's **predisposition** to lung cancer.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

synonym : continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym : violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

mediocrity

n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

synonym : averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held

misconception

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. in_____ge a copyright | <i>v.</i> to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property |
| 2. sink into med_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal |
| 3. built-up m__t | <i>n.</i> a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails |
| 4. co_____ve of an idea | <i>v.</i> to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant |
| 5. political di_____er | <i>n.</i> someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint |
| 6. new_____ed idea | <i>adj.</i> recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven |
| 7. coffee-milk con_____on | <i>n.</i> the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients |
| 8. butter ch_____ng | <i>n.</i> the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy |

ANSWERS: 1. infringe, 2. mediocrity, 3. mast, 4. conceive, 5. dissenter, 6. newfangled, 7. concoction, 8. churning

9. escape med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
10. i__l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
11. genetic pre_____ion *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
12. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
13. radical di_____er *n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
14. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
15. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
16. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
17. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
18. ine_____ced actor *adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

ANSWERS: 9. mediocrity, 10. idol, 11. predisposition, 12. android, 13. dissenter, 14. smartphone, 15. exaggerate, 16. mast, 17. exaggerate, 18. inexperienced

19. de___t from smoking *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
20. av_____on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
21. a no_____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
22. for_____ng sign *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
23. pre_____ion to anxiety *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
24. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
25. de___t from political support *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
26. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
27. i__l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

ANSWERS: 19. desist, 20. aversion, 21. nonstop, 22. foreboding, 23. predisposition, 24. churning, 25. desist, 26. misconception, 27. idol

28. new_____ed technology *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
29. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
30. ch_____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
31. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
32. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
33. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
34. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
35. reached the pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
36. sh_____ss liar *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
37. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 28. newfangled, 29. spoil, 30. christen, 31. jean, 32. contradict, 33. infringe, 34. spoil, 35. pinnacle, 36. shameless, 37. contradict

38. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
39. architectural pi____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
40. a ne____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
41. sh____ss behavior *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
42. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
43. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
44. di____on of power *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
45. ine_____ced employee *adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity
46. strong av____on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

ANSWERS: 38. remix, 39. pinnacle, 40. newfound, 41. shameless, 42. android, 43. misconception, 44. dilution, 45. inexperienced, 46. aversion

47. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
48. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
49. ch_____en the baby at the baptism *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
50. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
51. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
52. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
53. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
54. no_____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
55. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
56. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
57. con_____on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
58. ominous for_____ng *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

ANSWERS: 47. patriot, 48. conceive, 49. christen, 50. newfound, 51. darling, 52. jean, 53. chop, 54. nonstop, 55. remix, 56. darling, 57. concoction, 58. foreboding

59. zealous pa____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
60. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
61. di_____on of the original message *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
62. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 59. patriot, 60. smartphone, 61. dilution, 62. chop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her _____ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.
n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

2. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

3. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.
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4. There are numerous _____ about food and health.
n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

5. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

6. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.
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ANSWERS: 31. concoction