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Session 1: Word List

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym : siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym : prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee
The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

sop

n. something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it

synonym: bribe, payoff

(1) **sop** up the spilled drink, (2) political **sop**

The company gave its employees bonuses as a **sop** to distract them from the impending layoffs.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

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.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

synonym : compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

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.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

zine

n. a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

synonym: fanzine, magazine, newsletter

(1) fashion **zine**, (2) underground **zine**

She published her **zine** to showcase her art and writing.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym: reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

reversion

n. the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic

synonym: return, regression, backslide

(1) **reversion** to old habits, (2) business **reversion**

The author's new book is a **reversion** to their earlier works, with a focus on romance and drama.

disallow

v. to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate

synonym: forbid, prohibit, reject

(1) **disallow** access, (2) **disallow** entry

They decided to **disallow** any further changes to the project plan.

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.

oddy

n. something unusual or different

synonym: rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **odddity**, (2) genetic **odddity**

The two-headed snake was an **odddity** at the zoo.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. face an inc_____ent truth
adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
4. li__n to a bird
v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
5. 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
6. ou___w racial discrimination
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
7. ho_____y victims
v. to shock or disgust greatly
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. infringe, 2. intellect, 3. inconvenient, 4. liken, 5. remix, 6. outlaw, 7. horrify, 8. remix

9. s_p up the spilled drink *n.* something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it
10. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
11. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
12. di_____ow access *v.* to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate
13. underground z__e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
14. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
15. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
16. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
18. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 9. sop, 10. helpless, 11. astonished, 12. disallow, 13. zine, 14. intellect, 15. helpless, 16. industrious, 17. dime, 18. industrious

19. per_____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
20. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
21. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
22. genetic od____y *n.* something unusual or different
23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. in_____on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
25. political s_p *n.* something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it
26. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
27. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
28. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
29. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

ANSWERS: 19. pernicious, 20. astonished, 21. senator, 22. oddity, 23. opportune, 24. inversion, 25. sop, 26. mermaid, 27. senator, 28. enact, 29. prefabricated

30. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
31. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
32. temperature in_____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
33. er___e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
34. per_____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
35. find an od___y *n.* something unusual or different
36. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
37. li___n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
38. celebrity t___t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

ANSWERS: 30. bakery, 31. inconvenient, 32. inversion, 33. erode, 34. pernicious, 35. oddity, 36. censor, 37. liken, 38. twit

39. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
40. in_____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
41. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. re_____on to old habits *n.* the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic
43. global temperature an_____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
44. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
45. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
46. er___e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
47. fashion z___e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

ANSWERS: 39. ferocious, 40. infringe, 41. opportune, 42. reversion, 43. anomaly, 44. Senate, 45. outlaw, 46. erode, 47. zine

48. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
49. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
50. ba____y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
51. di____ow entry *v.* to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate
52. an____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
53. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
54. business re____on *n.* the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic
55. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
56. fe____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
57. fuel sc____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 48. twit, 49. horrify, 50. bakery, 51. disallow, 52. anomaly, 53. enact, 54. reversion, 55. censor, 56. ferocious, 57. scarcity

58. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
59. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
60. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
61. me_____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
62. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

ANSWERS: 58. prefabricated, 59. Senate, 60. scarcity, 61. mermaid, 62. dime

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
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