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Session 1: Word List

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

serif

n. a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance

legibility or create a specific style

synonym : finial, tail, extension

(1) **serif** font, (2) **serif** typeface

The book designer chose a font with an elegant **serif** to enhance readability.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

overpass

n. a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle

synonym : bridge, flyover, viaduct

(1) **overpass** bridge, (2) steel **overpass**

The **overpass** over the busy highway made getting to the other side much easier without waiting in traffic.

sideshow

n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main

entertainment

synonym : side attraction

(1) **sideshow** performer, (2) carnival **sideshow**

The circus **sideshow** featured a bearded lady and a human cannonball.

lenticular

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

synonym : lens-shaped, saucer-shaped, disk-shaped

(1) **lenticular** animation, (2) **lenticular** lens

The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of **lenticular** clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. steel ov ____ ss
n. a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
2. con _____ ly aware of a problem
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
3. a sense of wel _____ ng
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
4. in a sen _____ al mood
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
5. a g__m-free environment
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
6. d__m wrong or inappropriate
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
7. typ _____ hy skills
n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
8. si _____ ow performer
n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
9. se__f font
n. a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style

ANSWERS: 1. overpass, 2. consciously, 3. well-being, 4. sentimental, 5. germ, 6. deem, 7. typography, 8. sideshow, 9. serif

10. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
11. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
12. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
13. len_____ar lens *adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
14. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
15. carnival si_____ow *n.* a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
16. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
17. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
18. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 10. well-being, 11. typography, 12. sabbatical, 13. lenticular, 14. germ, 15. sideshow, 16. sabbatical, 17. deem, 18. doe

19. se__f typeface *n.* a small decorative stroke or design element added to the ends of the main strokes of a letter or other character in certain typefaces, often used to enhance legibility or create a specific style
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25. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
26. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 19. serif, 20. doe, 21. improvisation, 22. sentimental, 23. lenticular, 24. overpass, 25. consciously, 26. improvisation

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. sideshow, 9. germ, 10. deemed, 11. doe, 12. well-being, 13. lenticular