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Session 1: Word List

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.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

eucalyptus

n. a genus of flowering trees and shrubs native to Australia that are known for their aromatic leaves and medicinal properties

synonym: gum tree, Australian tree

(1) **eucalyptus** oil, (2) **eucalyptus** leaves

The scent of **eucalyptus** is often used in aromatherapy to promote relaxation.

airlift

n. the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

synonym : airdrop, air transport

(1) humanitarian **airlift**, (2) military **airlift**

The humanitarian organization organized an **airlift** of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

collarbone

n. the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle

synonym : clavicle, shoulder blade, scapula

(1) broken **collarbone**, (2) dislocated **collarbone**

The athlete suffered a broken **collarbone** after a hard fall during the game.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving

significant consequences

synonym : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

vertebra

n. a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord

(1) cervical **vertebra**, (2) **vertebra** injury

He uses a **vertebra** traction machine for his treatment.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

beanbag

n. a small bag filled with dried beans or similar materials, used in games and as a low seat

synonym : sack chair, seat cushion, floor pillow

(1) **beanbag** toss, (2) portable **beanbag** cushion

We bought a new **beanbag** chair for our family room.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

fused

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

synonym: merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

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.

paraplegia

n. a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system

synonym: spinal cord injury, paralysis

(1) **paraplegia** treatment, (2) traumatic **paraplegia**

After his accident, he was left with **paraplegia** and had to use a wheelchair.

catheter

n. a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure

synonym: tube, drainage tube, pipe

(1) insert **catheter**, (2) urinary **catheter**

After the surgery, the patient was required to wear a **catheter** for several days.

caliper

n. a tool used to measure the distance between two points or the thickness of an object

(1) **caliper** measurement, (2) dial **caliper**

The machinist used a digital **caliper** to measure the precise dimensions of the metal.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

clot *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
synonym: clump, coagulation, thrombus

(1) blood **clot**, (2) **clot** prevention

The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

plaster *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
synonym: cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**
Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

drip *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

brace *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
synonym: support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

superficial *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
synonym: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

innermost

adj. situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

synonym: deepest, inner, intimate

(1) **innermost** secrets, (2) **innermost** longings

It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their **innermost** thoughts and feelings.

soaked

adj. completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid

synonym: drenched, saturated, wet

(1) **soaked** clothes, (2) **soaked** sponge

The hiker's boots were **soaked** from walking through the stream.

quadriplegia

n. paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region

(1) **quadriplegia** patients, (2) **quadriplegia** care

After the accident, he had **quadriplegia** and could not move his arms or legs.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

baggy

adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

synonym: loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

tarmac

n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

cockpit

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship

The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym: helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

aerobic

adj. relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling

synonym: cardiovascular, aerophilous, heart-healthy

(1) **aerobic** bacteria, (2) **aerobic** respiration

Aerobic exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

alight

adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

synonym: burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
2. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
3. ae_____c bacteria *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
4. portable be_____g cushion *n.* a small bag filled with dried beans or similar materials, used in games and as a low seat
5. qua_____gia care *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
6. cervical ve_____ra *n.* a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord
7. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. ba__y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
9. be_____g toss *n.* a small bag filled with dried beans or similar materials, used in games and as a low seat

ANSWERS: 1. scar, 2. exposition, 3. aerobic, 4. beanbag, 5. quadriplegia, 6. vertebra, 7. opportune, 8. baggy, 9. beanbag

10. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
11. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. ae_____c respiration *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
13. insert ca_____er *n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
14. in_____st longings *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
15. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
16. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
17. c__t prevention *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
18. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 10. fingerprint, 11. excite, 12. aerobic, 13. catheter, 14. innermost, 15. airborne, 16. unstoppable, 17. clot, 18. rib

19. dislocated col_____ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
20. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
21. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
22. humanitarian ai_____t *n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict
23. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
24. blood c__t *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
25. military ai_____t *n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

ANSWERS: 19. collarbone, 20. fused, 21. plaster, 22. airlift, 23. excite, 24. clot, 25. airlift

26. navigator's co_____t *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
27. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
28. urinary ca_____er *n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure
29. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
30. sup_____al wound *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
31. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
32. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
33. euc_____us leaves *n.* a genus of flowering trees and shrubs native to Australia that are known for their aromatic leaves and medicinal properties
34. summer ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

ANSWERS: 26. cockpit, 27. embark, 28. catheter, 29. brace, 30. superficial, 31. rethink, 32. olympiad, 33. eucalyptus, 34. olympiad

35. re____k a marketing plan
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
36. so____d sponge
adj. completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
37. dial ca____r
n. a tool used to measure the distance between two points or the thickness of an object
38. ignorance is bl__s
n. extreme happiness or joy
39. ta____c a driveway
n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
40. a sm____ng blow
adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
41. in____ct a student
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
42. rational exp____on
n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
43. par____ia treatment
n. a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system
44. fu__d glass
adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

ANSWERS: 35. rethink, 36. soaked, 37. caliper, 38. bliss, 39. tarmac, 40. smashing, 41. instruct, 42. exposition, 43. paraplegia, 44. fused

45. in_____st secrets *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
46. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
47. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
48. broken col_____ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
49. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
50. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
51. qua_____gia patients *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
52. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
53. traumatic par_____ia *n.* a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system

ANSWERS: 45. innermost, 46. rib, 47. brace, 48. collarbone, 49. outweigh, 50. bliss, 51. quadriplegia, 52. drip, 53. paraplegia

54. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
55. ve_____ra injury *n.* a bone in the spine, or the spinal column forming the supporting structure of the spine and protecting the spinal cord
56. ba__y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
57. catch al___t *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
58. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
59. euc_____us oil *n.* a genus of flowering trees and shrubs native to Australia that are known for their aromatic leaves and medicinal properties
60. al___t from a train *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
61. fin_____nt at a crime scene *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
62. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
63. ca_____r measurement *n.* a tool used to measure the distance between two points or the thickness of an object
64. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 54. embark, 55. vertebra, 56. baggy, 57. alight, 58. unstoppable, 59. eucalyptus, 60. alight, 61. fingerprint, 62. paralyze, 63. caliper, 64. opportune

65. ru___r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
66. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
67. co_____t ship *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
68. ru___r movement *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
69. so___d clothes *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
70. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
71. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
72. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
73. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 65. rudder, 66. smashing, 67. cockpit, 68. rudder, 69. soaked, 70. outweigh, 71. plaster, 72. instruct, 73. scar

74. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
75. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
76. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
77. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
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79. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
80. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

ANSWERS: 74. drip, 75. superficial, 76. airborne, 77. paralyze, 78. tarmac, 79. crossroad, 80. crossroad

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The machinist used a digital _____ to measure the precise dimensions of the metal.
 - n.* a tool used to measure the distance between two points or the thickness of an object

2. Water is _____ from the faucet.
 - v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

3. The athlete suffered a broken _____ after a hard fall during the game.
 - n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle

4. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
 - n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

5. After the surgery, the patient was required to wear a _____ for several days.
 - n.* a thin, flexible tube that is inserted into a body cavity, duct, or vessel to drain fluid, inject medication, or perform a medical procedure

6. The humanitarian organization organized an _____ of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.
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ANSWERS: 1. caliper, 2. dripping, 3. collarbone, 4. exposition, 5. catheter, 6. airlift

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adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
8. _____ exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.
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n. paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
10. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
11. I prefer _____ clothes to tight-fitting ones.
adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
12. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
13. Patience is the _____ of all sores.
n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
14. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 7. alight, 8. Aerobic, 9. quadriplegia, 10. scar, 11. baggy, 12. airborne, 13. plaster, 14. excited

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22. We _____ on a new project.

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 15. soaked, 16. paraplegia, 17. instructed, 18. rethink, 19. unstoppable, 20. beanbag, 21. innermost, 22. embarked

23. The pilot sat in the _____ of the airplane.

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

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28. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

29. The police used a _____ scanner to identify the suspect.

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

ANSWERS: 23. cockpit, 24. opportune, 25. vertebra, 26. superficial, 27. tarmac, 28. paralyzed, 29. fingerprint

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adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

ANSWERS: 30. rudder, 31. clot, 32. outweigh, 33. brace, 34. bliss, 35. eucalyptus, 36. smashing, 37. fused

38. The accident caused a cracked _____.

- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

39. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.

- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

40. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.

- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

ANSWERS: 38. rib, 39. crossroads, 40. olympiad