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Session 1: Word List

austere

adj. severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple

synonym : strict, stern, simple

(1) **austere** budget, (2) **austere** decor

The monk's **austere** lifestyle was characterized by simplicity and self-discipline.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

whatnot

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

synonym : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

homily

n. a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech

synonym : sermon, lecture, discourse

(1) **homily** on forgiveness, (2) listen to a **homily**

The priest gave a heartfelt **homily** during the Sunday service.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym : slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

yak

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym : chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym : officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

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.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

prenatal

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

synonym : antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development
Prenatal care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym: burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

knapsack

n. a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

synonym: backpack, rucksack, haversack

(1) leather **knapsack**, (2) army **knapsack**

The soldier wore a heavy **knapsack** filled with equipment and supplies.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

synonym: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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.

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.

dagger

n. a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool

synonym: shiv, poniard, blade

(1) **dagger** piercing, (2) sheathed **dagger**

The assassin pulled out a **dagger** from his belt to complete the task.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

synonym: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

uptown

adv. in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication

(1) walk **uptown**, (2) drive **uptown**

They just moved **uptown** to a much more excellent apartment.

fractious

adj. irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly

synonym: irritable, argumentative, cranky

(1) **fractious** argument, (2) **fractious** meeting

The **fractious** children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.

peddler

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

synonym : hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

whacked

adj. exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre

synonym : exhausted, drained, spent

(1) **whacked** sense of humor, (2) **whacked** idea

After pulling three all-nighters in a row, she was completely **whacked** out.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

Session 2: Spelling

1. im____t a memory
v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
2. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. inc_____ion rates
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
4. environmental det_____nt
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
5. sc___e meat off a bone
v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
6. electronic bla_____rd
n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
7. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. army kn_____ck
n. a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

ANSWERS: 1. imprint, 2. industrious, 3. incarceration, 4. determinant, 5. scrape, 6. blackboard, 7. opportune, 8. knapsack

9. pr____al development *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
10. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
12. sl___h along the street *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
13. wh____d idea *adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
14. boundless gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
15. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
16. au____e decor *adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
17. de____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
18. leather kn____ck *n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

ANSWERS: 9. prenatal, 10. sham, 11. dedicate, 12. slouch, 13. whacked, 14. generosity, 15. shave, 16. austere, 17. devastate, 18. knapsack

19. walk up___n *adv.* in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
20. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
21. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. ho___y on forgiveness *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
24. pr_____al checkup *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
25. drug pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
26. mass inc _____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
27. domestic y_k *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
28. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
29. influence pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

ANSWERS: 19. uptown, 20. grandchild, 21. greet, 22. opportune, 23. homily, 24. prenatal, 25. peddler, 26. incarceration, 27. yak, 28. dropout, 29. peddler

30. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
31. VIP bo_____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
32. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
33. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
34. yo_____er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
35. books and wh_____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
36. army se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
37. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
38. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

ANSWERS: 30. dedicate, 31. bodyguard, 32. devastate, 33. dropout, 34. youngster, 35. whatnot, 36. sergeant, 37. generosity, 38. shave

39. au____e budget *adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
40. da____r piercing *n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool
41. police se____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
42. sit and y_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
43. listen to a ho____y *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
44. elite bo____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
45. sc____e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
46. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
47. clothes and wh____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 39. austere, 40. dagger, 41. sergeant, 42. yak, 43. homily, 44. bodyguard, 45. scrape, 46. sham, 47. whatnot

48. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
49. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
50. sl____h down in a chair *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
51. chalk on a bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
52. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
53. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
54. fr_____us meeting *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
55. fr_____us argument *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
56. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
57. drive up____n *adv.* in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
58. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 48. grandchild, 49. blazing, 50. slouch, 51. blackboard, 52. greet, 53. amaze, 54. fractious, 55. fractious, 56. industrious, 57. uptown, 58. imprint

59. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
60. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
61. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
62. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
63. sheathed da____r *n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool
64. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
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ANSWERS: 59. amaze, 60. doe, 61. doe, 62. blazing, 63. dagger, 64. youngster, 65. determinant, 66. actualize, 67. actualize, 68. whacked

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
2. The friends met at the local pub every Friday to ____ about their week.
v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
3. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
4. The monk's _____ lifestyle was characterized by simplicity and self-discipline.
adj. severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
5. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. _____ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.
adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
7. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
8. The assassin pulled out a _____ from his belt to complete the task.
n. a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool

ANSWERS: 1. incarceration, 2. yak, 3. shave, 4. austere, 5. industrious, 6. Prenatal, 7. devastate, 8. dagger

9. The _____ children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.
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n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
15. The soldier wore a heavy _____ filled with equipment and supplies.
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16. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 9. fractious, 10. homily, 11. sergeant, 12. bodyguard, 13. uptown, 14. sham, 15. knapsack, 16. greeted

17. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

18. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and _____ at the store.

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

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21. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

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22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

23. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

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ANSWERS: 17. dropout, 18. whatnot, 19. doe, 20. scraped, 21. generosity, 22. opportune, 23. actualize, 24. dedicated

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26. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.

- n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

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- n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

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29. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

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