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Session 1: Word List

reverberate

v. to be repeated several times as an echo

synonym: echo, resonate, resound

(1) **reverberate** through the hall, (2) **reverberate** in my head

The effects might **reverberate** across the oceans in unexpected ways.

sonorous

adj. deep, resonant, and full of sound; having a rich and pleasing tone or quality

synonym: resonant, booming, echoing

(1) **sonorous** tone, (2) **sonorous** music

The **sonorous** voice of the opera singer filled the entire auditorium.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

cacophony

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

synonym: discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**
The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
synonym: hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

tiring

adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
synonym: exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

soundscape

n. the overall sound environment of a particular area or place

synonym: auditory environment, acoustics

(1) **soundscape** music, (2) tranquil **soundscape**

The **soundscape** of the city was a symphony of car horns and chatter.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym: acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to

radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

understate

v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

synonym: downplay, underemphasize, minimize

(1) **understate** the cost, (2) deliberately **understate**

He tends to **understate** his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

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**.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

Sanskrit

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

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.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a good au_____ry memory | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear |
| 2. con_____ted leaving school | <i>v.</i> to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully |
| 3. deliberately und_____te | <i>v.</i> to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense |
| 4. con_____ly aware of a problem | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 5. ac_____m definition | <i>n.</i> a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) |
| 6. sou_____pe music | <i>n.</i> the overall sound environment of a particular area or place |
| 7. ca_____te measurements | <i>v.</i> to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance |
| 8. business imp_____ce | <i>n.</i> a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience |

ANSWERS: 1. auditory, 2. contemplate, 3. understate, 4. consciously, 5. acronym, 6. soundscape, 7. calibrate, 8. impatience

9. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
10. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
11. so_____us music *adj.* deep, resonant, and full of sound; having a rich and pleasing tone or quality
12. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
13. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
14. ca_____ny of sound *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
15. ri_____e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
16. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
17. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
18. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
19. Sa_____it literature *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

ANSWERS: 9. consciously, 10. improvisation, 11. sonorous, 12. afterward, 13. secondly, 14. cacophony, 15. ripple, 16. contemplate, 17. improvisation, 18. grind, 19. Sanskrit

20. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
21. au_____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
22. emotional ca_____ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
23. tu___e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
24. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
25. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
26. se_____ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
27. ti___g day *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
28. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
29. rev_____te in my head *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
30. sl_____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

ANSWERS: 20. mundane, 21. auditory, 22. cacophony, 23. tumble, 24. sensitize, 25. afterward, 26. sensitize, 27. tiring, 28. grind, 29. reverberate, 30. slippery

31. Sa_____it language *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
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35. so_____us tone *adj.* deep, resonant, and full of sound; having a rich and pleasing tone or quality
36. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
37. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
38. mentally ti____g *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
39. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
40. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
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