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Session 1: Word List

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

paternal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a father; fatherly in nature; showing the qualities or behavior of a good and caring father

synonym : paternalistic, fatherly, protective

(1) **paternal** authority, (2) **paternal** advice

His **paternal** instincts kicked in when he saw his baby smiling.

bloated

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

synonym : swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym : discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

recharge

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

synonym: renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy

He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym: savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____ge energy
v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
2. ba____ic act
adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
3. Oscar la____te
n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
4. pro____te street
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
5. fe____ss attitude
adj. having no fear; brave
6. pa____al advice
adj. relating to or characteristic of a father; fatherly in nature; showing the qualities or behavior of a good and caring father
7. kn__l down and worship
v. to rest on someone's knee or knees
8. se__r a positive relationship
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
9. in____te a new method
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 1. recharge, 2. barbaric, 3. laureate, 4. prostitute, 5. fearless, 6. paternal, 7. kneel, 8. sever, 9. innovate

10. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
11. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
12. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
13. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
14. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
15. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
16. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
17. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
18. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
19. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 10. chew, 11. pessimistic, 12. laureate, 13. glob, 14. innovate, 15. mobilize, 16. glob, 17. sibling, 18. barbaric, 19. chew

20. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant
v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
21. re_____ge brain and body
v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
22. bl_____d budget
adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
23. ov_____rn a table
v. to turn something upside down; to upset
24. co_____m brand
n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
25. play with my si_____gs
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
26. pes_____ic for our survival
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
27. ov_____rn a decision
v. to turn something upside down; to upset
28. bl_____d feeling
adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
29. kn__l in protest
v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

ANSWERS: 20. dishearten, 21. recharge, 22. bloated, 23. overturn, 24. condom, 25. sibling, 26. pessimistic, 27. overturn, 28. bloated, 29. kneel

30. pa____al authority *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a father; fatherly in nature; showing the qualities or behavior of a good and caring father
31. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
32. safe co____m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
33. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
34. a male pro____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
35. dis____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
36. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
37. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
38. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 30. paternal, 31. mobilize, 32. condom, 33. dictator, 34. prostitute, 35. dishearten, 36. fearless, 37. sever, 38. dictator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The players are _____ during the national anthem.
v. to rest on someone's knee or knees
2. The court _____ the original verdict.
v. to turn something upside down; to upset
3. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
4. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
5. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.
adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
6. She was unduly _____ about her future.
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
7. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
8. He needed to _____ his phone before the meeting.
v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

ANSWERS: 1. kneeling, 2. overturned, 3. glob, 4. dictator, 5. barbaric, 6. pessimistic, 7. prostitute, 8. recharge

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12. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
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n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
14. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
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v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
16. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 9. bloated, 10. dishearten, 11. innovate, 12. severed, 13. siblings, 14. condom, 15. chew, 16. laureate

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v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

18. His _____ instincts kicked in when he saw his baby smiling.

adj. relating to or characteristic of a father; fatherly in nature; showing the qualities or behavior of a good and caring father

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adj. having no fear; brave

ANSWERS: 17. mobilized, 18. paternal, 19. fearless