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Advanced Words Only

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Session 1: Word List

- rag** *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
synonym : cloth, fragment
(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll
He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.
- 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.
- shanti** *n.* a Sanskrit word meaning peace, tranquility, or serenity, often used as a term of greeting or farewell in Hindu and Buddhist cultures
synonym : peace, tranquility, serenity
(1) an atmosphere of **shanti**, (2) **shanti** retreat
The yoga instructor ended the class by leading a peaceful **shanti** meditation.

tinsel

n. a shiny, metallic, or reflective decoration often used for festive purposes, such as adorning Christmas trees or enhancing party decorations

synonym : glitter, shimmer, sparkle

(1) **tinsel** decoration, (2) silver **tinsel**

We decorated the Christmas tree with colorful **tinsel** to create a festive atmosphere.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

cellulose

n. a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials

synonym : fiber, paper, wood pulp

(1) **cellulose** acetate, (2) **cellulose** insulation

The **cellulose** content in fruits and vegetables contributes to their dietary fiber.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym : shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with

offices and operations in multiple countries.

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.

puja

n. a ritualistic act of worship commonly practiced in Hinduism, typically involving the offering of food, flowers, and prayers to a deity or divine entity

synonym: ritual, worship, ceremony

(1) daily **puja**, (2) morning **puja**

During the **puja** ceremony, the devotees offered prayers and flowers to the deity.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an atmosphere of sh___i
n. a Sanskrit word meaning peace, tranquility, or serenity, often used as a term of greeting or farewell in Hindu and Buddhist cultures
2. sh___i retreat
n. a Sanskrit word meaning peace, tranquility, or serenity, often used as a term of greeting or farewell in Hindu and Buddhist cultures
3. r_g doll
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
4. choose tr__p
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
5. une_____ed poor people
adj. lacking knowledge or education
6. dr_____t student
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
7. si__e off the hair over the flames
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
8. silver ti___l
n. a shiny, metallic, or reflective decoration often used for festive purposes, such as adorning Christmas trees or enhancing party decorations
9. burn with je_____sy
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 1. shanti, 2. shanti, 3. rag, 4. trump, 5. uneducated, 6. dropout, 7. singe, 8. tinsel, 9. jealousy

10. linen na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
11. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
12. une_____ed society *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
13. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
14. morning p__a *n.* a ritualistic act of worship commonly practiced in Hinduism, typically involving the offering of food, flowers, and prayers to a deity or divine entity
15. pubic lo__e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
16. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
17. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
18. 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

ANSWERS: 10. napkin, 11. louse, 12. uneducated, 13. dropout, 14. puja, 15. louse, 16. philanthropy, 17. rag, 18. condom

19. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
20. daily p__a *n.* a ritualistic act of worship commonly practiced in Hinduism, typically involving the offering of food, flowers, and prayers to a deity or divine entity
21. 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
22. h__k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
23. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
24. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
25. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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