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Session 1: Word List

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym : charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

unaffected

adj. not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable

synonym : untouched, unaffected, unaltered

(1) **unaffected** by weather, (2) emotionally **unaffected**
Despite the chaos around her, she remained **unaffected** and focused.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym: untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym : idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

merciless

adj. showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

synonym : ruthless, cruel, pitiless

(1) **merciless** criticism, (2) a **merciless** killer

The **merciless** dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

hilarity

n. extreme amusement or laughter; a state of being very funny or entertaining

synonym : amusement, merriment, glee

(1) full of unexpected **hilarity**, (2) burst of **hilarity**

The humorous banter between the characters added a touch of **hilarity** to the otherwise serious movie.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym : follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

gratification

n. the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want

synonym : satisfaction, pleasure, contentment

(1) instant **gratification**, (2) aesthetic **gratification**

The **gratification** of completing a difficult task is a great feeling.

abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

synonym : refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food

She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

exertion

n. the act of using one's energy, effort, or strength to achieve something; a physical or mental effort that produces a result

synonym : exercise, effort, struggle

(1) physical **exertion**, (2) **exertion** of energy

The intense **exertion** required to climb the mountain left him feeling exhausted.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

trounce

v. to defeat decisively or overwhelmingly in a contest or competition; to beat or thrash severely; to thoroughly overpower or defeat someone or something

synonym : beat, thrash, vanquish

(1) **trounce** an opponent, (2) **trounce** in a debate

The home team managed to **trounce** their rivals with a surprising score of 5-0.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

unplug

v. to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply
synonym: disconnect, clear, open
(1) **unplug** the power cord, (2) **unplug** a USB stick
Please **unplug** the heater before you go to bed.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
synonym: famish, hunger
(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death
If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

perish

v. to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
synonym: die, expire, deteriorate
(1) **perish** in a fire, (2) **perish** from hunger
The orchids **perished** without enough sunlight or water.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator
(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement
The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
synonym: wrap, cover, surround
(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

weasel

n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

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**.

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.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym: shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this

month.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

disabuse

v. to free someone from a misconception, mistaken belief, or false impression; to correct someone's understanding or perception of something

synonym: correct, enlighten, debunk

(1) **disabuse** misconception, (2) **disabuse** a belief

The coach spoke to his team to **disabuse** them of the idea that their opponents were easy to beat.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en__e within a few years
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
2. emotionally una_____ed
adj. not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
3. un___g a USB stick
v. to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply
4. sma_____ne app developer
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. pl__d for mercy
v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
6. dr__d getting old
v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
7. tr_____e in a debate
v. to defeat decisively or overwhelmingly in a contest or competition; to beat or thrash severely; to thoroughly overpower or defeat someone or something
8. po_____ss argument
adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
9. social mo__n
n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

ANSWERS: 1. ensue, 2. unaffected, 3. unplug, 4. smartphone, 5. plead, 6. dread, 7. trounce, 8. pointless, 9. moron

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| 10. a few years af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 11. m__t height | <i>n.</i> a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails |
| 12. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 13. un_____l opportunity | <i>adj.</i> different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 14. aesthetic gra_____ion | <i>n.</i> the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want |
| 15. burst of hi_____ty | <i>n.</i> extreme amusement or laughter; a state of being very funny or entertaining |
| 16. a worried fr__n | <i>v.</i> to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration |
| 17. un___g the power cord | <i>v.</i> to disconnect the plug of electrical equipment from the electricity supply |
| 18. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 19. we___l her way out of doing the dishes | <i>n.</i> a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner |
| 20. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |

ANSWERS: 10. afterward, 11. mast, 12. blacksmith, 13. unequal, 14. gratification, 15. hilarity, 16. frown, 17. unplug, 18. well-being, 19. weasel, 20. smartphone

21. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
22. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
23. ex_____on of energy *n.* the act of using one's energy, effort, or strength to achieve something; a physical or mental effort that produces a result
24. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
25. una_____ed by weather *adj.* not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
26. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
27. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
28. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
29. di_____se misconception *v.* to free someone from a misconception, mistaken belief, or false impression; to correct someone's understanding or perception of something

ANSWERS: 21. pointless, 22. nag, 23. exertion, 24. paycheck, 25. unaffected, 26. rehearse, 27. enchant, 28. envelop, 29. disabuse

30. N__i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
31. instant gra_____ion *n.* the feeling of being pleased or satisfied as a result of achieving something or having something you want
32. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
33. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
34. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
35. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
36. dress re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
37. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
38. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 30. Nazi, 31. gratification, 32. motto, 33. blacksmith, 34. enchant, 35. dread, 36. rehearsal, 37. moron, 38. unequal

39. di_____se a belief *v.* to free someone from a misconception, mistaken belief, or false impression; to correct someone's understanding or perception of something
40. near re_____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
41. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
42. pe____h from hunger *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
43. physical ex_____on *n.* the act of using one's energy, effort, or strength to achieve something; a physical or mental effort that produces a result
44. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
45. a re_____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
46. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
47. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 39. disabuse, 40. retiring, 41. determinant, 42. perish, 43. exertion, 44. siren, 45. retiring, 46. creditor, 47. nag

48. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
49. monthly pa____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
50. ab____n on a vote *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
51. music re____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
52. a me____ss killer *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
53. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
54. re____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
55. un__e shoelaces *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

ANSWERS: 48. siren, 49. paycheck, 50. abstain, 51. rehearsal, 52. merciless, 53. ensue, 54. rehearse, 55. untie

56. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
57. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
58. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
59. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
60. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
61. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
62. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
63. me_____ss criticism *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
64. we___l words *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

ANSWERS: 56. starve, 57. heroic, 58. motto, 59. plead, 60. well-being, 61. starve, 62. determinant, 63. merciless, 64. weasel

65. tr____e an opponent *v.* to defeat decisively or overwhelmingly in a contest or competition; to beat or thrash severely; to thoroughly overpower or defeat someone or something
66. pe___h in a fire *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
67. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
68. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
69. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
70. un__e the ribbon *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
71. full of unexpected hi____ty *n.* extreme amusement or laughter; a state of being very funny or entertaining
72. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
73. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 65. trounce, 66. perish, 67. Nazi, 68. creditor, 69. afterward, 70. untie, 71. hilarity, 72. heroic, 73. envelop

74. ab____n from food *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
75. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
76. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

ANSWERS: 74. abstain, 75. mast, 76. frown

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.
v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
2. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
3. Despite the chaos around her, she remained _____ and focused.
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4. I needed to _____ the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.
v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
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adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 1. nagging, 2. ensued, 3. unaffected, 4. untie, 5. determinant, 6. perished, 7. unequal

8. The coach spoke to his team to _____ them of the idea that their opponents were easy to beat.
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ANSWERS: 8. disabuse, 9. unplug, 10. rehearsal, 11. motto, 12. dread, 13. moron, 14. creditor, 15. merciless

16. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
17. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
18. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.
n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
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21. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.
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22. The humorous banter between the characters added a touch of _____ to the otherwise serious movie.
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n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

ANSWERS: 16. well-being, 17. siren, 18. Nazi, 19. abstain, 20. exertion, 21. retiring, 22. hilarity, 23. mast

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v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
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v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
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adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 32. afterward, 33. weasel's, 34. starve, 35. frown, 36. enchanted, 37. enveloped, 38. heroic