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Session 1: Word List

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym: tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

synonym: storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

synesthesia

n. a condition in which stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway leads to automatic and involuntary experiences in another pathway; for example, seeing specific colors when hearing certain sounds or experiencing tastes or smells when seeing certain shapes

synonym: cross-sensory perception, sensory merger, blending of senses

(1) auditory **synesthesia**, (2) **synesthesia** effect

The artist's paintings were inspired by her **synesthesia**, where she saw music as a visual medium.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym:

snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

ethereal

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

synonym : airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light

The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym : enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

recluse

n. a person who lives in solitude and isolation

synonym : hermit, solitary, loner

(1) live as a **recluse**, (2) solitary **recluse**

After years in the limelight, the actor decided to retreat from the public eye and become a **recluse**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 2. solitary re_____e | <i>n.</i> a person who lives in solitude and isolation |
| 3. hal_____te with drug | <i>v.</i> to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use |
| 4. vi_____ze data | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 5. te_____t in a teapot | <i>n.</i> a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings |
| 6. violent te_____t | <i>n.</i> a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings |
| 7. et_____al beauty | <i>adj.</i> delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual |
| 8. ill_____ing light | <i>adj.</i> making something clear or easy to understand; providing light |
| 9. fl__k through pages | <i>v.</i> to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement |

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. recluse, 3. hallucinate, 4. visualize, 5. tempest, 6. tempest, 7. ethereal, 8. illuminating, 9. flick

10. street ma____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
11. fl__ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
12. syn______ia effect *n.* a condition in which stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway leads to automatic and involuntary experiences in another pathway; for example, seeing specific colors when hearing certain sounds or experiencing tastes or smells when seeing certain shapes
13. et____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
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15. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
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ANSWERS: 10. magician, 11. flick, 12. synesthesia, 13. ethereal, 14. telegraph, 15. stormy, 16. illuminating, 17. magician

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| 20. live as a re_____e | <i>n.</i> | a person who lives in solitude and isolation |
| 21. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> | the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 22. el_____fy a manufacturing process | v. | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
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| 25. vi_____ze flying through space | v. | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |

ANSWERS: 18. hallucinate, 19. stormy, 20. recluse, 21. intellect, 22. electrify, 23. electrify, 24. synesthesia, 25. visualize

26. answer by te_____ph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

ANSWERS: 26. telegraph

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist's paintings were inspired by her _____ where she saw music as a visual medium.
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2. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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ANSWERS: 1. synesthesia, 2. electrify, 3. stormy, 4. intellect, 5. tempest, 6. hallucinate

7. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
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adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

ANSWERS: 7. flicked, 8. recluse, 9. magician's, 10. ethereal, 11. telegraph, 12. visualize, 13. illuminating