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Session 1: Word List

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

implode

v. to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely

synonym: collapse, crumble, disintegrate

(1) **implode** building, (2) **implode** business

The banking industry feared the economy would **implode** due to risky investments.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym : gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

outflow

n. the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater

synonym : discharge, outpouring, gush

(1) **outflow** fluid, (2) **outflow** of capital

After the valves were closed, the **outflow** halted.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

gridlock

n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

synonym : traffic jam, standstill, impasse

(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**

The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

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**.

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.

methamphetamine

n. (commonly known as "meth" or "crystal meth") a powerful and highly addictive stimulant drug that affects the central nervous system

synonym : meth, crystal

(1) **methamphetamine** addiction, (2) fatal **methamphetamine** overdose

The use of **methamphetamine** has been linked to several mental health disorders.

gonorrhea

n. a sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, characterized by inflammation of the mucous membranes of the reproductive organs, urinary tract, or rectum

(1) **gonorrhea** infection, (2) **gonorrhea** outbreak

Untreated **gonorrhea** can lead to serious complications like infertility and pelvic inflammatory disease.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both

parties.

schooler

n. a student who attends a school

synonym : student, pupil, learner

(1) a primary **schooler**, (2) **schooler** uniform

He often traveled abroad alone when he was in high **schooler**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym : underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

biofuel

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym : renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

seaboard

n. the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore

synonym: coastline, shoreline, seaside

(1) eastern **seaboard**, (2) coastal **seaboard**

The seafood cuisine in the **seaboard** region is renowned for its freshness and variety.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

lithium

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

synonym: lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

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.

renegade

n. a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

synonym: traitor, deserter, insurgent

(1) **renegade** group, (2) **renegade** soldier

He was a **renegade** from the organization who decided to expose the truth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. garden pa_____on
n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
2. business imp_____ce
n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
3. go_____ea outbreak
n. a sexually transmitted infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, characterized by inflammation of the mucous membranes of the reproductive organs, urinary tract, or rectum
4. bi_____l production
n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
5. imp_____ce with delays
n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
6. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. re_____de soldier
n. a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles

ANSWERS: 1. pavilion, 2. impatience, 3. gonorrhoea, 4. biofuel, 5. impatience, 6. opportune, 7. renegade

8. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
9. have a co_____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
10. gr_____ck situation *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
11. geo_____al activity *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
12. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
13. im_____e business *v.* to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely
14. 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
15. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 8. bipartisan, 9. cockroach, 10. gridlock, 11. geothermal, 12. concession, 13. implode, 14. louse, 15. concession

16. eastern se_____rd *n.* the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
17. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
18. mysterious en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
19. ou_____w fluid *n.* the leakage of fluid from a container; a natural flow of groundwater
20. re_____de group *n.* a person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, religious group, or set of principles
21. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
23. fatal met_____ine overdose *n.* (commonly known as "meth" or "crystal meth") a powerful and highly addictive stimulant drug that affects the central nervous system
24. political gr_____ck *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

ANSWERS: 16. seaboard, 17. trump, 18. enigma, 19. outflow, 20. renegade, 21. opportune, 22. industrious, 23. methamphetamine, 24. gridlock

25. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
26. 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
27. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
28. coastal se____rd *n.* the coastal areas or region adjacent to the sea or ocean; a coastline or shore
29. geo_____al drilling *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
30. im_____e building *v.* to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely
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32. li_____m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
33. sc_____er uniform *n.* a student who attends a school

ANSWERS: 25. grieve, 26. louse, 27. trump, 28. seaboard, 29. geothermal, 30. implode, 31. pavilion, 32. lithium, 33. schooler

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ANSWERS: 34. enigma, 35. lithium, 36. gutsy, 37. outflow, 38. cockroach, 39. industrious, 40. grieve, 41. schooler, 42. bipartisan, 43. gonorrhea

44. met_____ine addiction *n.* (commonly known as "meth" or "crystal meth") a powerful and highly addictive stimulant drug that affects the central nervous system
45. bi____l technology *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
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ANSWERS: 44. methamphetamine, 45. biofuel, 46. gutsy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient text remains an _____ challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.
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ANSWERS: 1. enigma, 2. gutsy, 3. impatience, 4. geothermal, 5. louse, 6. biofuel

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ANSWERS: 15. concession, 16. Lithium-ion, 17. outflow, 18. gridlock, 19. grieved, 20. implode, 21. opportune

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ANSWERS: 22. Cockroaches, 23. gonorrhea