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Session 1: Word List

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym : fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

pallet

n. a flat, often wooden, platform used for stacking, storing, or transporting goods, commonly used in warehouses, factories, and freight transport for efficient handling of goods; a makeshift bed or mattress, especially one that's temporary or of low quality

synonym : platform, skid

(1) wooden **pallet**, (2) shipping **pallet**

The warehouse was filled with **pallets** of products waiting to be shipped out.

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.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

dew

n. the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight

synonym: condensation, vapor, fog

(1) a drop of **dew**, (2) morning **dew**

Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms **dew**.

shelve

v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

synonym: defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym : crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym : loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage **vows**.

barcode

n. a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

synonym : scan, QR code

(1) **barcode** reader, (2) product **barcode**

The cashier scanned the **barcode** on the packaging to ring up the price.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

fertilization

n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

synonym: impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

ginormous

adj. (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large

synonym : huge, gigantic, mammoth

(1) **ginormous** elephant, (2) **ginormous** skyscraper

The construction site was filled with **ginormous** pieces of heavy machinery.

testimonial

n. a statement or declaration that expresses support, admiration, or praise for someone or something; a written or spoken recommendation or endorsement

synonym : endorsement, recommendation, review

(1) personal **testimonial**, (2) **testimonial** letter

The company received a glowing **testimonial** from a satisfied customer.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do a bra_____ing about a new product
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
2. fer_____ion process
n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
3. the modern ol_____ad
n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
4. high fi_____ty music
n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
5. shipping pa_____t
n. a flat, often wooden, platform used for stacking, storing, or transporting goods, commonly used in warehouses, factories, and freight transport for efficient handling of goods; a makeshift bed or mattress, especially one that's temporary or of low quality
6. le_____er goods
adj. not consumed or used at the end of something
7. ba_____e reader
n. a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price

ANSWERS: 1. brainstorming, 2. fertilization, 3. olympiad, 4. fidelity, 5. pallet, 6. leftover, 7. barcode

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| 8. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 9. round of ap_____se | <i>n.</i> a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together |
| 10. unp_____ive industries | <i>adj.</i> not producing or able to produce very much or desired results |
| 11. gi_____us elephant | <i>adj.</i> (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large |
| 12. tes_____al letter | <i>n.</i> a statement or declaration that expresses support, admiration, or praise for someone or something; a written or spoken recommendation or endorsement |
| 13. summer ol_____ad | <i>n.</i> a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years |
| 14. financial cr____h | <i>n.</i> a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation |
| 15. sh____e a book | <i>v.</i> to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently |
| 16. pe_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |
| 17. wooden pa____t | <i>n.</i> a flat, often wooden, platform used for stacking, storing, or transporting goods, commonly used in warehouses, factories, and freight transport for efficient handling of goods; a makeshift bed or mattress, especially one that's temporary or of low quality |

ANSWERS: 8. grandchild, 9. applause, 10. unproductive, 11. ginormous, 12. testimonial, 13. olympiad, 14. crunch, 15. shelve, 16. pervasive, 17. pallet

18. sh___e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
19. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
20. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
21. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
22. artificial fer_____ion *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
23. sq__t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
24. product ba____e *n.* a series of parallel lines of varying width and spacing printed on a product or package, which can be read by a barcode scanner to quickly and accurately identify the product and its price
25. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 18. shelve, 19. chalk, 20. applause, 21. unproductive, 22. fertilization, 23. squat, 24. barcode, 25. leftover

26. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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28. morning d_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
29. personal tes_____al *n.* a statement or declaration that expresses support, admiration, or praise for someone or something; a written or spoken recommendation or endorsement
30. fi_____ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
31. 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
32. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
33. a drop of d_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight

ANSWERS: 26. grandchild, 27. squat, 28. dew, 29. testimonial, 30. fidelity, 31. nag, 32. brainstorming, 33. dew

34. sup_____ter technology *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
35. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
36. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
37. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
38. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
39. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
40. gi_____us skyscraper *adj.* (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large

ANSWERS: 34. supercomputer, 35. pervasive, 36. supercomputer, 37. chalk, 38. nag, 39. crunch, 40. ginormous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. China has developed one of the world's fastest _____ for its space program.
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 - n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
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9. The _____ burst from the audience.
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unproductive, 14. testimonial, 15. olympiad

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20. The couple promised each other _____ in their marriage vows.

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 16. pervasive, 17. dew, 18. pallets, 19. fertilization, 20. fidelity