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Session 1: Word List

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

earring

n. a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe

synonym: ear drop, stud, jewelry

(1) diamond **earring**, (2) gold **earring**

She bought a beautiful pair of pearl **earrings** for her sister's wedding.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

sumptuous

adj. involving the expenditure of great wealth or luxury; lavish or luxurious, in a way that is intended to impress or elicit admiration

synonym: luxurious, lavish, opulent

(1) **sumptuous** palace, (2) **sumptuous** decor

The **sumptuous** feast was fit for kings and queens, with all the delicacies and treats you could imagine.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym: oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym : waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

wistful

adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

synonym : longing, nostalgic, pensive

(1) in a **wistful** mood, (2) **wistful** feeling

He had a **wistful** look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym : flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

doublet

n. a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire

synonym : pair, twin, matching

(1) musical **doublet**, (2) medieval **doublet**

He wore a stylish **doublet** over his shirt for the Renaissance fair.

snug

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

synonym: cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

duvet

n. (also "comforter") a soft, flat bag filled with feathers, down, or synthetic fibers, used as a covering for a bed, usually enclosed in a removable cover and provides warmth and comfort while sleeping

synonym: comforter, quilt, blanket

(1) soft **duvet**, (2) **duvet** cover

I love snuggling up under my cozy **duvet** on a cold winter night.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

brocade

n. a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings

(1) floral **brocade**, (2) **brocade** ribbon

The bride's dress was made of elegant **brocade** fabric.

detach

v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

synonym: separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

inflame

v. to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people

synonym: agitate, arouse, enrage

(1) **inflame** skin, (2) **inflame** his passion

Her eyes **inflamed** with crying.

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.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the

fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

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**.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

synonym: greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

claret

n. a dark red wine, typically red Bordeaux wine; a reddish-purple color

synonym: red wine, burgundy, bordeaux

(1) smooth **claret**, (2) full-bodied **claret**

The dinner party featured a fine **claret** wine from the

Bordeaux region of France.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

nuptials

n. a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married

synonym: wedding, ceremony, matrimony

(1) royal **nuptials**, (2) outdoor **nuptials**

The couple celebrated their **nuptials** with an extravagant wedding ceremony.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de___h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
2. gold ea____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
3. mental aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
4. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
5. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
6. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
7. soft du__t *n.* (also "comforter") a soft, flat bag filled with feathers, down, or synthetic fibers, used as a covering for a bed, usually enclosed in a removable cover and provides warmth and comfort while sleeping
8. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 1. detach, 2. earring, 3. affliction, 4. afterward, 5. pinpoint, 6. glowing, 7. duvet, 8. curate

9. pre_____ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
10. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
11. royal nu_____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
12. su_____us decor *adj.* involving the expenditure of great wealth or luxury; lavish or luxurious, in a way that is intended to impress or elicit admiration
13. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
14. diamond ea_____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
15. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
16. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
17. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 9. preoccupied, 10. inherit, 11. nuptials, 12. sumptuous, 13. Catholic, 14. earring, 15. overlook, 16. seductive, 17. overlook

18. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
19. s__g little house *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
20. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
21. oat po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
22. medieval do_____t *n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
23. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
24. autoimmune aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
25. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
26. crisp le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

ANSWERS: 18. intricate, 19. snug, 20. glowing, 21. porridge, 22. doublet, 23. chaotic, 24. affliction, 25. congratulation, 26. lettuce

27. or___n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
28. bl__h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
29. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
30. in____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
31. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
32. bl__h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
33. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
34. asylum for or___n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
35. outdoor nu____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
36. 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

ANSWERS: 27. orphan, 28. blush, 29. chaotic, 30. intricate, 31. heir, 32. blush, 33. Catholic, 34. orphan, 35. nuptials, 36. exertion

37. wilted le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
38. pre_____ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
39. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
40. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
41. in_____e his passion *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
42. wi_____l feeling *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
43. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
44. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
45. 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

ANSWERS: 37. lettuce, 38. preoccupied, 39. congratulation, 40. tease, 41. inflame, 42. wistful, 43. inherit, 44. strangle, 45. exertion

46. smooth cl___t *n.* a dark red wine, typically red Bordeaux wine; a reddish-purple color
47. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
48. in a wi_____l mood *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
49. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
50. floral br_____e *n.* a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings
51. full-bodied cl___t *n.* a dark red wine, typically red Bordeaux wine; a reddish-purple color
52. de___h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
53. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
54. su_____us palace *adj.* involving the expenditure of great wealth or luxury; lavish or luxurious, in a way that is intended to impress or elicit admiration
55. br_____e ribbon *n.* a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings
56. musical do_____t *n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire

ANSWERS: 46. claret, 47. pinpoint, 48. wistful, 49. afterward, 50. brocade, 51. claret, 52. detach, 53. strangle, 54. sumptuous, 55. brocade, 56. doublet

57. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
58. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
59. sweet po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
60. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
61. s__g blanket *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
62. in_____e skin *v.* to cause very strong feelings such as anger or excitement in a person or a group of people
63. du__t cover *n.* (also "comforter") a soft, flat bag filled with feathers, down, or synthetic fibers, used as a covering for a bed, usually enclosed in a removable cover and provides warmth and comfort while sleeping

ANSWERS: 57. tease, 58. seductive, 59. porridge, 60. heir, 61. snug, 62. inflame, 63. duvet

64. cu___e an art website

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 64. curate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ feast was fit for kings and queens, with all the delicacies and treats you could imagine.
adj. involving the expenditure of great wealth or luxury; lavish or luxurious, in a way that is intended to impress or elicit admiration
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n. a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
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adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
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7. She recognized me as her lawful _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. sumptuous, 2. nuptials, 3. detached, 4. curate, 5. glowing, 6. intricate, 7. heir

8. The bride's dress was made of elegant _____ fabric.
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11. The dinner party featured a fine _____ wine from the Bordeaux region of France.
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12. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.
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13. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.
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14. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
15. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.
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ANSWERS: 8. brocade, 9. wistful, 10. catholic, 11. claret, 12. lettuce, 13. preoccupied, 14. inherited, 15. affliction

16. She _____ when the boy complimented her.
v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
17. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
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ANSWERS: 16. blushed, 17. congratulations, 18. earrings, 19. snug, 20. strangle, 21. porridge, 22. inflamed, 23. afterward

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- adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 24. exertion, 25. orphan, 26. doublet, 27. tease, 28. duvet, 29. chaotic, 30. seductive

31. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

32. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

- v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

ANSWERS: 31. overlook, 32. pinpoints