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Session 1: Word List

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

synapse

n. the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it

(1) **synapse** circuit, (2) end at a **synapse**

Animals transmit nerve impulses through **synapses**.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

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.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

convent

n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: abbey, monastery, nunnery

(1) **convent** school, (2) nunnery **convent**

The old **convent** was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym: groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

well-behaved

adj. conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate

synonym: obedient, well-mannered, disciplined

(1) **well-behaved** student, (2) **well-behaved** dog

The children were **well-behaved** and listened attentively during the museum tour.

listless

adj. lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy

synonym : lethargic, languid, apathetic

(1) **listless** mood, (2) spend a **listless** day

After a long day at work, I felt **listless** and unable to do anything productive.

lethargic

adj. feeling sluggish or drowsy; lacking energy or enthusiasm; apathetic; inactive

synonym : sluggish, drowsy, inactive

(1) **lethargic** performance, (2) **lethargic** response

The medication made him feel **lethargic** and drowsy.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

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.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

firstborn

adj. the first child born to a mother

synonym : eldest, older, primary

(1) **firstborn** female child, (2) **firstborn** grandchild

The **firstborn** child is often the parents' favorite.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym : distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. se_____te by race | <i>v.</i> to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |
| 2. baby's c_t | <i>n.</i> a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out |
| 3. a male pro_____te | <i>n.</i> a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment |
| 4. wel_____ved student | <i>adj.</i> conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate |
| 5. m__n with pleasure | <i>v.</i> to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something |
| 6. logistics re_____nt | <i>n.</i> a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine |
| 7. wel_____ved dog | <i>adj.</i> conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate |
| 8. or_____ge director | <i>n.</i> an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead) |
| 9. build an or_____ge | <i>n.</i> an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead) |

ANSWERS: 1. segregate, 2. cot, 3. prostitute, 4. well-behaved, 5. moan, 6. regiment, 7. well-behaved, 8. orphanage, 9. orphanage

10. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
11. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
12. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
13. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
14. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
15. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
16. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
17. nunnery co_____t *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
18. sy_____e circuit *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
19. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
20. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
21. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
22. spend a li_____ss day *adj.* lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy

ANSWERS: 10. regiment, 11. resilient, 12. amaze, 13. terrify, 14. orphan, 15. terrify, 16. depress, 17. convent, 18. synapse, 19. nap, 20. amaze, 21. sibling, 22. listless

23. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
26. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
27. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
28. fi_____rn female child *adj.* the first child born to a mother
29. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
30. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
31. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
32. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
33. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
34. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 23. empower, 24. opportune, 25. moan, 26. empower, 27. astonished, 28. firstborn, 29. mimic, 30. eradicate, 31. aft, 32. riot, 33. institutionalize, 34. bully

35. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
36. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
37. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
38. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
39. pro____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
40. ast____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
41. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
42. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
43. di___t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
44. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 35. benign, 36. depress, 37. bully, 38. aft, 39. prostitute, 40. astonished, 41. sibling, 42. institutionalize, 43. divert, 44. divert

45. li_____ss mood *adj.* lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy
46. le_____ic performance *adj.* feeling sluggish or drowsy; lacking energy or enthusiasm; apathetic; inactive
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. fi_____rn grandchild *adj.* the first child born to a mother
49. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
50. end at a sy_____e *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
51. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
52. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
53. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
54. co_____t school *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
55. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 45. listless, 46. lethargic, 47. opportune, 48. firstborn, 49. nap, 50. synapse, 51. mimic, 52. benign, 53. riot, 54. convent, 55. segregate

56. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
57. or___n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
58. le_____ic response *adj.* feeling sluggish or drowsy; lacking energy or enthusiasm; apathetic; inactive
59. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
60. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 56. cot, 57. orphan, 58. lethargic, 59. resilient, 60. eradicate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

2. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

3. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.
n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

4. After a long day at work, I felt _____ and unable to do anything productive.
adj. lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy

5. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

6. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

7. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

ANSWERS: 1. mimic, 2. institutionalize, 3. regiment, 4. listless, 5. bully, 6. resilient, 7. cots

8. The old _____ was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.
n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
9. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
10. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
11. She _____ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.
v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
12. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
13. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
14. The _____ child is often the parents' favorite.
adj. the first child born to a mother
15. She woke the kids up from their _____.
n. a short sleep, especially during the day
16. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 8. convent, 9. prostitute, 10. benign, 11. moaned, 12. astonished, 13. eradicate, 14. firstborn, 15. nap, 16. amazed

17. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

18. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

19. The children were _____ and listened attentively during the museum tour.

adj. conforming to accepted standards of behavior or conduct; obedient, polite, and considerate

20. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

21. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

22. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

23. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.

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

24. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

ANSWERS: 17. opportune, 18. siblings, 19. well-behaved, 20. segregate, 21. terrify, 22. aft, 23. orphan, 24. orphanage

25. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

26. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.

- v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

27. The medication made him feel _____ and drowsy.

- adj.* feeling sluggish or drowsy; lacking energy or enthusiasm; apathetic; inactive

28. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

29. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

30. Animals transmit nerve impulses through _____.

- n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it

ANSWERS: 25. depressed, 26. divert, 27. lethargic, 28. riots, 29. empowered, 30. synapses