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Session 1: Word List

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

heartthrob

n. a person, especially a celebrity, who is widely admired and considered attractive, often causing strong romantic or infatuated feelings among their admirers

synonym : heartbreaker, idol

(1) **heartthrob** portrait, (2) male **heartthrob**

The actor's charming smile and good looks quickly made him a teenage **heartthrob**.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

misspell

v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

synonym : miscopy, mismark

(1) **misspell** words, (2) **misspell** his name

Please be careful not to **misspell** any of the words in your essay.

progeny

n. the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant

synonym : offspring, children, descendants

(1) **progeny** viral DNA, (2) **progeny** of plants

The royal family has much **progeny** scattered across the globe.

cuckoo

n. a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

synonym : loony, nut, madcap

(1) **cuckoo** clock, (2) **cuckoo** in the nest

The **cuckoo** bird's call echoed through the forest.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

ascetic

n. a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstention from worldly pleasures, often for religious or spiritual reasons; often used to describe a person who lives a simple, minimalistic lifestyle

synonym : hermit, recluse, monk

(1) **ascetic** discipline, (2) **ascetic** practices

The **ascetic** lifestyle requires one to live without material possessions and worldly pleasures.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person
synonym: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child
She **outlived** her husband for many years.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective
As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment
Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

expiry

n. the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
synonym: expiration, termination, end

(1) **expiry** notice, (2) product **expiry**
Make sure to check the **expiry** date on the milk before using it.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

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.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

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.

indulgent

adj. given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

synonym: lavish, self-indulgent, excessive

(1) an **indulgent** father, (2) **indulgent** lifestyle

The rich and **indulgent** dessert was worth every calorie.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

contextualize

v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

synonym: analyze, interpret, place in context

(1) **contextualize** information, (2) **contextualize** social issues

The teacher asked the students to **contextualize** their answers with relevant examples.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
2. ti____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
3. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
4. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
5. ou____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
6. mi____ll his name *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
7. in____nt lifestyle *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
8. ex____y notice *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
9. male hea____ob *n.* a person, especially a celebrity, who is widely admired and considered attractive, often causing strong romantic or infatuated feelings among their admirers

ANSWERS: 1. hopeless, 2. tinker, 3. situ, 4. idealist, 5. outlive, 6. misspell, 7. indulgent, 8. expiry, 9. heartthrob

10. 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
11. happen to ov____ar a conversation *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
12. 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
13. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
14. con_____ize information *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
15. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
16. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

ANSWERS: 10. curate, 11. overhear, 12. curate, 13. darling, 14. contextualize, 15. tinker, 16. outsource

17. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
18. an in_____nt father *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
19. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
20. pr_____y viral DNA *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant
21. product ex____y *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
22. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
23. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
24. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
25. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
26. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
27. cu____o clock *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

ANSWERS: 17. idealist, 18. indulgent, 19. visualize, 20. progeny, 21. expiry, 22. curator, 23. hopeless, 24. darling, 25. humility, 26. situ, 27. cuckoo

28. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
29. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
30. ou_____ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
31. hea_____ob portrait *n.* a person, especially a celebrity, who is widely admired and considered attractive, often causing strong romantic or infatuated feelings among their admirers
32. pr_____y of plants *n.* the descendants or offspring of a person, animal, or plant
33. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
34. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
35. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
36. as_____c practices *n.* a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstention from worldly pleasures, often for religious or spiritual reasons; often used to describe a person who lives a simple, minimalistic lifestyle
37. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 28. insecure, 29. storytelling, 30. outsource, 31. heartthrob, 32. progeny, 33. overhear, 34. curator, 35. visualize, 36. ascetic, 37. storytelling

38. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
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41. re____l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
42. con_____ize social issues *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
43. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
44. re____l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
45. mi_____ll words *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
46. ou_____e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person

ANSWERS: 38. insecure, 39. ascetic, 40. cuckoo, 41. retell, 42. contextualize, 43. humility, 44. retell, 45. misspell, 46. outlive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Make sure to check the _____ date on the milk before using it.
n. the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
2. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
3. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
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4. The _____ bird's call echoed through the forest.
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5. Please be careful not to _____ any of the words in your essay.
v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
6. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.
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ANSWERS: 1. expiry, 2. insecure, 3. storytelling, 4. cuckoo, 5. misspell, 6. outsource, 7. curate

8. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
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ANSWERS: 8. humility, 9. hopeless, 10. overheard, 11. indulgent, 12. curator, 13. ascetic, 14. visualize, 15. retells

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21. The teacher asked the students to _____ their answers with relevant examples.
v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
22. She _____ her husband for many years.
v. to live longer than another person

ANSWERS: 16. progeny, 17. situ, 18. idealist, 19. darling, 20. heartthrob, 21. contextualize, 22. outlived

23. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

- v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

ANSWERS: 23. tinkering