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Session 1: Word List

gush

v. to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

synonym: jet, burst, flush

(1) **gush** about my love for sports, (2) **gush** out and won't stop

A supertanker continues to **gush** oil off the coast of Spain.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym: correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation
We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car
The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym: course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to

control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym: helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

jibe

v. to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else

synonym: agree, conform, harmonize

(1) friendly **jibe**, (2) **jibe** with expectations

The politician's words didn't **jibe** with his previous statements, making people question his honesty.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

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.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym : weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

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.

sterile

adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

synonym : clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**
The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide
(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
synonym: reptile, beast, monster
(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil
The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

greenwashing

n. the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
(1) **greenwashing** campaign, (2) **greenwashing** accusations
Many companies engage in **greenwashing** to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

torpedo

n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
synonym: missile, explosive, underwater bomb

(1) **torpedo** attack, (2) air-dropped **torpedo**

The submarine launched a **torpedo** at the enemy ship.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bankrupt cr____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 2. m__t height | <i>n.</i> a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails |
| 3. in____ct for self-preservation | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 4. ru____r movement | <i>n.</i> a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement) |
| 5. air-dropped to____o | <i>n.</i> a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor |
| 6. built-up m__t | <i>n.</i> a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails |
| 7. pr____l the ship | <i>v.</i> to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force |
| 8. ind____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 9. j__e with expectations | <i>v.</i> to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else |

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. mast, 3. instinct, 4. rudder, 5. torpedo, 6. mast, 7. propel, 8. industrious, 9. jibe

10. st____e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
11. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
12. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
13. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
14. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
15. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
16. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 10. sterile, 11. intercept, 12. footprint, 13. tack, 14. aft, 15. propel, 16. tack

17. gre_____ing campaign *n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
18. a st_____e man *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
19. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
20. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
21. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
22. g__h about my love for sports *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
23. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
24. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
25. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
26. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 17. greenwashing, 18. sterile, 19. swarm, 20. instruct, 21. quitter, 22. gush, 23. aft, 24. turbulence, 25. inflate, 26. repurpose

27. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
28. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
29. g__h out and won't stop *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
30. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
31. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
32. friendly j__e *v.* to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
33. a tra____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
34. gre____ing accusations *n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
35. emotional tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

ANSWERS: 27. slap, 28. slap, 29. gush, 30. swarm, 31. quitter, 32. jibe, 33. trajectory, 34. greenwashing, 35. turbulence

36. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
37. political ma_____ers
n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
38. hulking di_____ur
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
39. an in_____ed balloon
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
40. ba_____t water
n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
41. in_____ct a computer
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
42. in_____pt X rays
v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
43. the worst hum_____de disaster
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
44. hum_____de climate change
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
45. to_____o attack
n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor

ANSWERS: 36. intellect, 37. maneuver, 38. dinosaur, 39. inflated, 40. ballast, 41. instruct, 42. intercept, 43. human-made, 44. human-made, 45. torpedo

46. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
47. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
48. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
49. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
50. ru____r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
51. ba_____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
52. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
53. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
54. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
55. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 46. inflate, 47. maneuver, 48. industrious, 49. trajectory, 50. rudder, 51. ballast, 52. dinosaur, 53. gulf, 54. inflated, 55. creditor

56. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
57. re_____te the situation *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
58. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
59. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
60. re_____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
61. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
62. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 56. footprint, 57. remediate, 58. intellect, 59. instinct, 60. remediate, 61. gulf, 62. repurpose

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
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greenwashing

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