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Session 1: Word List

succinct

adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

synonym : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

messiah

n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible

synonym : Jesus Christ, Son of God

(1) glorify the **Messiah**, (2) the arrival of **Messiah**

Many citizens regard him as a political **messiah** of the country.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

Pharaoh

n. the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**

The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym : grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

undersell

v. to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable

synonym : downplay, undercut, devalue

(1) **undersell** the value, (2) **undersell** their abilities

The store always tries to **undersell** its competitors to attract more customers.

cynicism

n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

synonym: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

inertia

n. the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

synonym: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

bombast

n. high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects

synonym: grandiloquence, pompousness, pretentiousness

(1) mere **bombast**, (2) full of **bombast**

The politician's speeches were filled with **bombast** but lacked substance.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a **retrovirus-targeted** treatment regimen.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

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.

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.

collate

v. to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence

synonym: compare, correlate, match

(1) **collate** data, (2) **collate** information

I need to **collate** these documents in the correct order before stapling them together.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

insufferable

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

synonym: unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

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.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym: danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

turbocharger

n. a device used to increase the power and efficiency of an internal combustion engine by compressing the air entering the engine, thereby increasing the amount of fuel that can be burned and the power that can be generated

synonym: supercharger, blower, compressor

(1) **turbocharger** boost, (2) **turbocharger** kit

The **turbocharger** in the truck's diesel engine forced more air into the combustion chamber.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

supplicant

n. someone who humbly or earnestly requests or petitions for something, particularly from a person or entity of greater power or authority

synonym : petitioner, pleader, beggar

(1) **supplicant** prayer, (2) **supplicant** tone

The prisoner appeared before the judge as a **supplicant** begging for mercy.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet

with little access to food and clean water.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym: appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

clarion

n. a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet

synonym: trumpet, bugle, horn

(1) **clarion** tone, (2) the **clarion** sound of the trumpet

The **clarion** call for social justice has been made by activists worldwide.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sup_____nt prayer
n. someone who humbly or earnestly requests or petitions for something, particularly from a person or entity of greater power or authority
2. qu_____le the price of gold
v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
3. ins_____ble traffic during rush hour
adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
4. mere bo_____t
n. high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects
5. cl_____n tone
n. a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet
6. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. sub_____an countries
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
8. su_____ct reply
adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
9. improve hun_____ld
adj. a hundred times as great or as much
10. a gas cr___h
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

ANSWERS: 1. supplicant, 2. quadruple, 3. insufferable, 4. bombast, 5. clarion, 6. excite, 7. sub-Saharan, 8. succinct, 9. hundredfold, 10. crunch

11. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
12. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
13. su_____ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
14. un_____ll the value *v.* to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable
15. sup_____nt tone *n.* someone who humbly or earnestly requests or petitions for something, particularly from a person or entity of greater power or authority
16. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
17. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
18. feline ret_____us *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

ANSWERS: 11. Jewish, 12. contagious, 13. succinct, 14. undersell, 15. supplicant, 16. sub-Saharan, 17. millennial, 18. retrovirus

19. in_____a resistance *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
20. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
21. Newton's law of in_____a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
22. ins_____ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
23. full of bo_____t *n.* high-flown or pretentious language, especially on unimportant subjects
24. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
25. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
26. tur_____ger boost *n.* a device used to increase the power and efficiency of an internal combustion engine by compressing the air entering the engine, thereby increasing the amount of fuel that can be burned and the power that can be generated
27. un_____ll their abilities *v.* to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable
28. tur_____ger kit *n.* a device used to increase the power and efficiency of an internal combustion engine by compressing the air entering the engine, thereby increasing the amount of fuel that can be burned and the power that can be generated

ANSWERS: 19. inertia, 20. quadruple, 21. inertia, 22. insufferable, 23. bombast, 24. innovate, 25. exposition, 26. turbocharger, 27. undersell, 28. turbocharger

29. morning ma____y *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
30. put his life in je____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
31. age-old cl____e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
32. cl____e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
33. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
34. co____e information *v.* to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence
35. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
36. ret____us infection *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

ANSWERS: 29. majesty, 30. jeopardy, 31. cliché, 32. cliché, 33. Christ, 34. collate, 35. nerd, 36. retrovirus

37. a young Ph____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
38. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
39. cy_____sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
40. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
41. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
42. the cl_____n sound of the trumpet *n.* a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet
43. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
45. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
46. intellectual cy_____sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

ANSWERS: 37. Pharaoh, 38. lifesaving, 39. cynicism, 40. crunch, 41. apathy, 42. clarion, 43. opportune, 44. Christ, 45. trajectory, 46. cynicism

47. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
48. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
49. the arrival of Me_____h *n.* the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
50. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
51. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
52. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
53. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
54. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
55. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
56. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

ANSWERS: 47. farewell, 48. millennial, 49. messiah, 50. lifesaving, 51. exposition, 52. shepherd, 53. excite, 54. halve, 55. semblance, 56. impoverished

57. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
58. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
59. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
60. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
61. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
62. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
63. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
64. co_____e data *v.* to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence
65. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
66. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
67. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
68. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 57. trajectory, 58. Jewish, 59. farewell, 60. shepherd, 61. innovate, 62. proclaim, 63. contagious, 64. collate, 65. halve, 66. apathy, 67. semblance, 68. infect

69. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
70. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
71. glorify the Me_____h *n.* the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
72. ma_____y of nature *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
73. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
74. Egyptian Ph_____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
75. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
76. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
77. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
78. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

ANSWERS: 69. nerd, 70. opportune, 71. messiah, 72. majesty, 73. impoverished, 74. Pharaoh, 75. infect, 76. proclaim, 77. hundredfold, 78. jeopardy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
 - v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
2. The patient's condition improved after beginning a _____ treatment regimen.
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3. My _____ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.
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ANSWERS: 1. halve, 2. retrovirus-targeted, 3. insufferable, 4. excited, 5. millennial-scale, 6. opportune, 7. majesty

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v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
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31. The _____ Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
- n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

ANSWERS: 24. semblance, 25. succinct, 26. apathy, 27. collate, 28. proclaimed, 29. impoverished, 30. contagious, 31. Pharaoh

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