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Session 1: Word List

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

orthopedic

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

synonym: skeletal, musculoskeletal, bone-related

(1) **orthopedic** shoes, (2) **orthopedic** clinic

The athlete visited the **orthopedic** surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

prosthetic

adj. of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant

(1) have **prosthetic** arms, (2) **prosthetic** limbs

New **prosthetic** joints are less prone to metal poisoning.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper** screened all incoming phone

calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population
His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym: mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

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.

pant

v. to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath

synonym : breathe, gasp, puff

(1) **pant** for breath, (2) **pant** with excitement

After running five miles nonstop in the hot sun, he began to **pant** heavily.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

beggar

n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

synonym : pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

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.

goosebump

n. a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

synonym : horripilation, gooseflesh, pilomotor reflex

(1) **goosebump** sensation, (2) **goosebump** moment

The cold wind gave her **goosebumps** on her arms and legs.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym : inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

workbench

n. a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context

synonym : worktable, bench, desk

(1) **workbench** design, (2) wooden **workbench**

I must organize my tools on the **workbench** before starting my project.

anvil

n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging,

shaping, and hammering hot metal

synonym : forge, block, base

(1) the hot metal on the **anvil**, (2) **anvil** stone

The sound of the hammer hitting the **anvil** echoed through the workshop.

screwdriver

n. a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice

synonym : screw, driver, wrench

(1) open the can with a **screwdriver**, (2) electric **screwdriver**

I need a flathead **screwdriver** to tighten the loose screws on this cabinet.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

1. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
2. the sacred mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
3. pro_____ic limbs *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
4. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
5. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
6. p__t with excitement *v.* to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath
7. the hot metal on the an__l *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
8. electric scr_____er *n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice

ANSWERS: 1. rehabilitate, 2. mosque, 3. prosthetic, 4. improvisation, 5. astonished, 6. pant, 7. anvil, 8. screwdriver

9. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
10. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
11. we are st__ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
12. p__t for breath *v.* to breathe quickly and shallowly, often because of exertion, excitement, or fear; to gasp or heave for breath
13. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
14. wooden wo_____ch *n.* a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context
15. an__l stone *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
16. go_____mp sensation *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
17. 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

ANSWERS: 9. empathy, 10. embarrass, 11. stump, 12. pant, 13. illiterate, 14. workbench, 15. anvil, 16. goosebump, 17. tease

18. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
19. wo_____ch design *n.* a sturdy table or bench designed for carrying out manual work, particularly in a workshop or garage context
20. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
21. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
22. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
23. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
24. go_____mp moment *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

ANSWERS: 18. gatekeeper, 19. workbench, 20. embarrass, 21. squat, 22. improvisation, 23. displace, 24. goosebump

25. give alms to a be___r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
26. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
27. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
28. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
29. ort_____ic clinic *adj.* relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments
30. an apprentice ca_____er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
31. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
32. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
33. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
34. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 25. beggar, 26. headquarter, 27. carpenter, 28. headquarter, 29. orthopedic, 30. carpenter, 31. displace, 32. swell, 33. empathy, 34. illiterate

35. 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
36. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
37. open the can with a scr_____er *n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
38. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
39. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
40. sq__t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
41. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
42. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 35. tease, 36. mosque, 37. screwdriver, 38. intensify, 39. astonished, 40. squat, 41. intensify, 42. swell

43. homeless be___r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
44. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
45. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
46. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
47. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
48. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
49. have pro_____ic arms *adj.* of or relating to an artificial part of the body, such as a limb, a heart, or a breast implant
50. the riddle st__ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

ANSWERS: 43. beggar, 44. unskilled, 45. sinister, 46. rehabilitate, 47. gatekeeper, 48. sinister, 49. prosthetic, 50. stump

51. ort_____ic shoes

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

52. un_____ed job

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

ANSWERS: 51. orthopedic, 52. unskilled

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.
n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
2. The _____ worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.
adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
3. The athlete visited the _____ surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.
adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments
4. The sound of the hammer hitting the _____ echoed through the workshop.
n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
5. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
6. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
7. New _____ joints are less prone to metal poisoning.
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- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 8. gatekeeper screened, 9. screwdriver, 10. illiterate, 11. swelling, 12. intensify, 13. Carpenter, 14. displace

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ANSWERS: 15. goosebumps, 16. Mosque, 17. headquarters, 18. tease, 19. improvisation, 20. workbench, 21. sinister, 22. squat

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24. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

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ANSWERS: 23. pant, 24. embarrass, 25. rehabilitate, 26. stumped