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Session 1: Word List

upstanding

adj. of good moral character; honest; honorable; standing erect or in an upright position

synonym : honest, upright, honorable

(1) **upstanding** gentleman, (2) **upstanding** reputation

The **upstanding** citizen was always willing to help his community and never broke the law.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

- yell** *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- sham** *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent
(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.
- nightclub** *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
synonym: discotheque, club, dance hall
(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music
They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.
- 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.
- autograph** *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual
synonym: signature, sign-off, inscription
(1) **autograph** collection, (2) celebrity **autograph**
I was thrilled to get the **autograph** of my favorite musician after the concert.
- onstage** *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**
He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience

in awe.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

smorgasbord

n. a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes

synonym: buffet, feast, banquet

(1) **smorgasbord** buffet, (2) delicious **smorgasbord**

The buffet had a **smorgasbord** of food options, from sushi to pasta to desserts.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

crate

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

synonym: box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

schlep

v. to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner

synonym : haul, lug, drag

(1) **schlep** groceries, (2) **schlep** through airport

I had to **schlep** all my luggage up four flights to my hotel room.

smoothie

n. a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished

synonym : shake, smoothie, blended drink

(1) **smoothie** recipe, (2) fruit **smoothie**

She blended strawberries, yogurt, and ice to make a delicious **smoothie** for breakfast.

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.

undocumented

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

tortilla

n. a type of thin flatbread made from corn or wheat, common in Mexican and Central American cuisine, often used as a wrap or served as a side dish

synonym : wrap, flatbread

(1) **tortilla** chips, (2) **tortilla** wraps

I love to make tacos with fresh **tortillas**.

cabaret

n. a form of entertainment featuring performances of music, song, dance, comedy, or drama in a small, intimate venue, often serving food and drink; a type of nightclub or restaurant that offers such entertainment

synonym: nightclub, lounge, bar

(1) burlesque **cabaret**, (2) **cabaret** singer

The **cabaret** show was filled with stunning performances and dazzling costumes.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym : assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

untouchable

adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

synonym : unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

doorbell

n. a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building

synonym : bell, buzzer, ring

(1) touch a **doorbell**, (2) **doorbell** chime

He rang the **doorbell** and waited for someone to answer.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym : spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

hangover

n. the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something

synonym : headache, aftereffect, hang-up

(1) **hangover** cure, (2) severe **hangover**

After drinking too much at the party, he woke up with a terrible **hangover**.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr__e of apples *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
2. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
3. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
4. smo_____rd buffet *n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes
5. ha_____er cure *n.* the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something
6. und_____ted command *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
7. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
8. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
9. to_____la chips *n.* a type of thin flatbread made from corn or wheat, common in Mexican and Central American cuisine, often used as a wrap or served as a side dish

ANSWERS: 1. crate, 2. sham, 3. instinctive, 4. smorgasbord, 5. hangover, 6. undocumented, 7. confuse, 8. counterintuitive, 9. tortilla

10. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
11. ups_____ng reputation *adj.* of good moral character; honest; honorable; standing erect or in an upright position
12. burlesque ca_____t *n.* a form of entertainment featuring performances of music, song, dance, comedy, or drama in a small, intimate venue, often serving food and drink; a type of nightclub or restaurant that offers such entertainment
13. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
14. severe ha_____er *n.* the unpleasant physical and mental effects a person experiences after consuming too much alcohol; a lasting effect or aftereffect of something
15. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
16. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
17. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
18. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

ANSWERS: 10. fearless, 11. upstanding, 12. cabaret, 13. tweet, 14. hangover, 15. germ, 16. instinctive, 17. tweet, 18. backstage

19. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
20. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
21. und_____ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
22. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
23. unt_____le authority *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
24. touch a do_____ll *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
25. 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
26. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 19. onstage, 20. crowdsourcing, 21. undocumented, 22. germ, 23. untouchable, 24. doorbell, 25. squat, 26. visceral

27. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
28. 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
29. ni_____ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
30. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
31. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
32. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
33. sm_____ie recipe *n.* a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished
34. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 27. fearless, 28. squat, 29. nightclub, 30. ninja, 31. yell, 32. quitter, 33. smoothie, 34. visceral

35. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
36. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
37. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
38. unt_____le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
39. to_____la wraps *n.* a type of thin flatbread made from corn or wheat, common in Mexican and Central American cuisine, often used as a wrap or served as a side dish
40. ups_____ng gentleman *adj.* of good moral character; honest; honorable; standing erect or in an upright position
41. do_____ll chime *n.* a bell that is pressed or pulled to signal that someone wishes to enter a building
42. fruit sm_____ie *n.* a thick, blended beverage made from fruits, vegetables, and often other ingredients such as yogurt, milk, or protein powder; a person, typically a man, who is suave, charming, and polished

ANSWERS: 35. counterintuitive, 36. harass, 37. sham, 38. untouchable, 39. tortilla, 40. upstanding, 41. doorbell, 42. smoothie

43. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
44. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
45. ni_____ub music *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
46. sc___p groceries *v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner
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50. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
51. au_____ph collection *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual
52. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
53. celebrity au_____ph *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual

ANSWERS: 43. rot, 44. yell, 45. nightclub, 46. schlep, 47. prolong, 48. ninja, 49. crowdsourcing, 50. onstage, 51. autograph, 52. obsess, 53. autograph

54. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
55. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
56. delicious smo_____rd *n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes
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61. sc___p through airport *v.* to carry or drag something heavy or awkward; to travel a long distance with difficulty or effort; to behave in a sluggish or unenthusiastic manner
62. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 54. quitter, 55. obsess, 56. smorgasbord, 57. backstage, 58. confuse, 59. rot, 60. cabaret, 61. schlep, 62. harass

63. beer cr__e

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

64. pr____g the agony

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 63. crate, 64. prolong

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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4. The shipping _____ was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.
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