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Session 1: Word List

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

attendant

n. a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant

synonym : assistant, aide, guide

(1) flight **attendant**, (2) personal **attendant**

The **attendant** at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym: support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

postpone

v. to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date

synonym : delay, defer, reschedule

(1) **postpone** meeting, (2) **postpone** event

Due to inclement weather, the game has been **postponed** until next week.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym : importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym: film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

bawl

v. to cry or weep loudly and uncontrollably; to shout or yell loudly and angrily

synonym : cry, wail, sob

(1) **bawl** like a baby, (2) **bawl** with laughter

He **bawled** his eyes out when he heard the news.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. personal at_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant |
| 2. b__l like a baby | <i>v.</i> to cry or weep loudly and uncontrollably; to shout or yell loudly and angrily |
| 3. boys in the twelfth gr__e | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc. |
| 4. mi_____e person | <i>n.</i> an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God |
| 5. em_____al distress | <i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings |
| 6. raw ta____t | <i>n.</i> a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something |
| 7. a picture fr__e | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 8. el_____te contestants | <i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something |
| 9. el_____te sexual barriers | <i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something |
| 10. ur_____y in the use of force | <i>n.</i> the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately |

ANSWERS: 1. attendant, 2. bawl, 3. grade, 4. miracle, 5. emotional, 6. talent, 7. frame, 8. eliminate, 9. eliminate, 10. urgency

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| 11. cultural and ar____ic activity | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities |
| 12. re____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 13. a test pi__t | <i>n.</i> a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water |
| 14. re____t a decision | <i>v.</i> to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do |
| 15. an in____t reply | <i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay |
| 16. sc__y dream | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating |
| 17. f__e abroad | <i>v.</i> to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger |
| 18. re____t being so careless | <i>v.</i> to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do |
| 19. br__e my energies | <i>n.</i> a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast |
| 20. f__e their homes | <i>v.</i> to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger |
| 21. a doc____ry film | <i>n.</i> a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents |

ANSWERS: 11. artistic, 12. relation, 13. pilot, 14. regret, 15. instant, 16. scary, 17. flee, 18. regret, 19. brace, 20. flee, 21. documentary

22. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
23. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
24. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
25. b__l with laughter *v.* to cry or weep loudly and uncontrollably; to shout or yell loudly and angrily
26. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
27. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
28. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
29. po_____ne meeting *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
30. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
31. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
32. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 22. documentary, 23. frame, 24. decide, 25. bawl, 26. artistic, 27. mend, 28. miracle, 29. postpone, 30. negative, 31. relation, 32. bucket

33. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
34. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
35. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
36. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
37. po_____ne event *v.* to delay or reschedule something to a later time or date
38. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
39. bu___t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
40. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
41. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
42. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
43. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 33. ego, 34. emotional, 35. engine, 36. instant, 37. postpone, 38. mend, 39. bucket, 40. ego, 41. pilot, 42. engine, 43. brace

44. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
45. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
46. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
47. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
48. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
49. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
50. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
51. matter of ur____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
52. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
53. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
54. flight at_____nt *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant

ANSWERS: 44. fence, 45. scary, 46. fence, 47. negative, 48. dot, 49. talent, 50. decide, 51. urgency, 52. dot, 53. grade, 54. attendant

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She wore a _____ on her leg to support her injured ankle.
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2. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
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8. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
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9. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
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ANSWERS: 16. relations, 17. talents, 18. documentary, 19. mended, 20. artistic, 21. scary, 22. urgency, 23. regret, 24. postponed

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