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Session 1: Word List

reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

synonym: rekindle, revive, renew

(1) **reignite** my interest, (2) **reignite** the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

headway

n. forward movement or progress made despite obstacles or resistance; clearance or space in which to move forward

synonym: progress, advancement, improvement

(1) lack of **headway**, (2) gain **headway**

We are making **headway** in our research and hope to have some significant findings soon.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate
His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym: Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

obligatory

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
synonym : mandatory, required, compulsory

(1) **obligatory** audit, (2) an **obligatory** subject

Attending the meeting was **obligatory** for all employees.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

permissive

adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

synonym : indulgent, lenient, liberal

(1) assume a **permissive** attitude, (2) **permissive** society

The school has a **permissive** dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

cleave

v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

synonym : split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

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.

dissociation

n. the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms

synonym: separation, detachment, disconnection

(1) trauma-related **dissociation**, (2) **dissociation** reaction

His **dissociation** from his emotions made him distant and unresponsive.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

fanciful

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

linguistics

n. the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics

synonym: language studies, phonology, etymology

(1) comparative **linguistics**, (2) **linguistics** professor

A new study in **linguistics** research showed that bilingualism delays the onset of dementia.

- situ** *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial
(1) **ex-situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- crank** *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook
(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller
The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.
- dataset** *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
synonym : data array, database
(1) **dataset** analysis, (2) publicly available **dataset**
The scientist analyzed the large **dataset** to conclude the experiment.
- peruse** *v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
synonym : examine, scrutinize, study
(1) **peruse** every page of a book, (2) **peruse** the document
She **perused** the menu before ordering her meal.
- hallway** *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance
(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.
- granular** *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
synonym : gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

obese *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

synonym: overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

condom *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

consciously *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____te the spark | <i>v.</i> to cause something to start burning again |
| 2. publicly available da_____t | <i>n.</i> a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes |
| 3. trauma-related dis_____ion | <i>n.</i> the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms |
| 4. con_____ly aware of a problem | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 5. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 6. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 7. Ma_____in Chinese | <i>n.</i> an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China |
| 8. re_____te my interest | <i>v.</i> to cause something to start burning again |
| 9. pe____e every page of a book | <i>v.</i> to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly |

ANSWERS: 1. reignite, 2. dataset, 3. dissociation, 4. consciously, 5. blacksmith, 6. institutionalize, 7. mandarin, 8. reignite, 9. peruse

10. co___m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
11. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
12. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
13. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
14. da_____t analysis *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
15. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
16. cl___e meat *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
17. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 10. condom, 11. condom, 12. hallway, 13. hallway, 14. dataset, 15. doe, 16. cleave, 17. nudge

18. gain he____y *n.* forward movement or progress made despite obstacles or resistance; clearance or space in which to move forward
19. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
20. pe___e the document *v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
21. cognitive li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
22. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
23. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
24. 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
25. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
26. foreign li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

ANSWERS: 18. headway, 19. situ, 20. peruse, 21. linguist, 22. nudge, 23. fascinate, 24. visceral, 25. industrialize, 26. linguist

27. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
28. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
29. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
30. a gr_____ar medicine *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
31. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
32. cl___e the party *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
33. 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
34. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
35. fa_____ul idea *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

ANSWERS: 27. fascinate, 28. endlessly, 29. crank, 30. granular, 31. doe, 32. cleave, 33. visceral, 34. crank, 35. fanciful

36. per_____ve society *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
37. obl_____ry audit *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
38. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
39. lin_____cs professor *n.* the study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics
40. assume a per_____ve attitude *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
41. pro_____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
42. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
43. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
44. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
45. an obl_____ry subject *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
46. ancient ma_____in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

ANSWERS: 36. permissive, 37. obligatory, 38. propensity, 39. linguistics, 40. permissive, 41. propensity, 42. flank, 43. industrialize, 44. consciously, 45. obligatory, 46. mandarin

47. dis_____ion reaction *n.* the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms
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54. ob__e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
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ANSWERS: 47. dissociation, 48. blacksmith, 49. institutionalize, 50. fanciful, 51. situ, 52. granular, 53. obese, 54. obese, 55. linguistics

56. repeat en_____ly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

57. lack of he_____y

n. forward movement or progress made despite obstacles or resistance; clearance or space in which to move forward

58. attack the left fl__k

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 56. endlessly, 57. headway, 58. flank

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
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3. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.
n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
4. The school has a _____ dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.
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v. to cause something to start burning again
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- n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

ANSWERS: 16. institutionalize, 17. fascinated, 18. dataset, 19. cleave, 20. endlessly, 21. Mandarin, 22. nudged, 23. hallway

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