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Session 1: Word List

extort

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym : coerce, blackmail, squeeze

(1) **extort** information, (2) **extort** a confession

The criminals tried to **extort** money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

morphine

n. a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep

synonym: narcotic, painkiller, sedative

(1) **morphine** addiction, (2) synthetic **morphine**

Long-term use of **morphine** can lead to tolerance, physical dependence, and addiction.

forgery

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

synonym: counterfeit, fake, imitation

(1) **forgery** scam, (2) passport **forgery**

The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over **forgery** in their collection.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

biographer

n. a person who writes the story of another person

synonym: writer, historian, author

(1) **biographer** of a famous person, (2) **biographer's** research

The respected **biographer** spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

snob

n. a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured

synonym: snoot, elitist, pretentious person

(1) have **snob** appeal, (2) rich **snob**

He's a **snob** when it comes to music and only listens to classical.

tofu

n. a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known

as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute

synonym: bean curd

(1) **tofu** burger, (2) silken **tofu**

The health benefits of **tofu** include low cholesterol and high calcium content.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

MRI

n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

pleasurable

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

synonym: comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

libido

n. the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior

synonym: sexual desire, sex drive, passion

(1) **libido** disorder, (2) **libido** in a woman

The therapist helped her patient work through her issues with her low **libido**.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym: nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym: fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of **impostor** sellers trying to scam them.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

virile

adj. having or characterized by masculinity or manly qualities, such as strength, energy, and sexual potency; possessing the qualities of an adult male

synonym: manly, masculine, potent

(1) **virile** strength, (2) **virile** vitality

The doctor said that regular exercise could help maintain a **virile** physique.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

synonym: noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum
My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**
The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor
The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

pollack

n. (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

(1) **pollack** fillet, (2) Alaska **pollack**
The restaurant serves a delicious **pollack** stew.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research
Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

malevolence

n. a strong feeling or inclination of ill will or maliciousness towards others; the quality or state of having evil intentions or wishing harm upon others

synonym: malignancy, malice, wickedness

(1) the **malevolence** in her eyes, (2) **malevolence** toward others

The villain's **malevolence** was evident in every evil act he committed.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

chili

n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

synonym: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 2. fever with neu_____cal signs | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system |
| 3. have s__b appeal | <i>n.</i> a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured |
| 4. red ch__i powder | <i>n.</i> a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers |
| 5. detect an im_____or | <i>n.</i> someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud |
| 6. ki_____p relations | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being related to someone |
| 7. creative in_____on | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 8. religious soc_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who studies the institutions and development of human society |

ANSWERS: 1. neuroscience, 2. neurological, 3. snob, 4. chili, 5. impostor, 6. kinship, 7. intuition, 8. sociologist

9. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
10. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
11. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
12. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
13. bio_____er of a famous person *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
14. passport fo____y *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
15. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
16. t__u burger *n.* a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute
17. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 9. pun, 10. endow, 11. enlist, 12. extravagant, 13. biographer, 14. forgery, 15. stun, 16. tofu, 17. instinct

18. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
19. mal_____ce toward others *n.* a strong feeling or inclination of ill will or maliciousness towards others; the quality or state of having evil intentions or wishing harm upon others
20. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
21. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
22. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
23. im_____or syndrome *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
24. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
25. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
26. ari_____tic titles *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

ANSWERS: 18. confer, 19. malevolence, 20. audacious, 21. aft, 22. intuition, 23. impostor, 24. humming, 25. kinship, 26. aristocratic

27. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
28. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
29. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
30. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
31. a ple_____le experience *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
32. ex_____t information *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
33. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
34. vi_____e vitality *adj.* having or characterized by masculinity or manly qualities, such as strength, energy, and sexual potency; possessing the qualities of an adult male
35. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
36. li_____o disorder *n.* the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior

ANSWERS: 27. interrogate, 28. aft, 29. psychopath, 30. disgust, 31. pleasurable, 32. extort, 33. audacious, 34. virile, 35. disguise, 36. libido

37. ari_____tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
38. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
39. en____t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
40. bio_____er's research *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
41. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
42. M_I brain image *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
43. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
44. ex____t a confession *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
45. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
46. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

ANSWERS: 37. aristocratic, 38. stun, 39. enlist, 40. biographer, 41. delusion, 42. MRI, 43. extravagant, 44. extort, 45. instinct, 46. endow

47. rich s__b *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
48. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
49. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
50. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
51. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
52. bo__t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
53. synthetic mo_____ne *n.* a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep
54. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
55. have a very ple_____le time *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
56. fo_____y scam *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

ANSWERS: 47. snob, 48. afterward, 49. pun, 50. treason, 51. disgust, 52. boast, 53. morphine, 54. delusion, 55. pleasurable, 56. forgery

57. li___o in a woman *n.* the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior
58. Alaska po____k *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
59. arrested for tr____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
60. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
61. mil____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
62. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
63. int____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
64. French soc____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
65. a theoretical concept in neu____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
66. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
67. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 57. libido, 58. pollack, 59. treason, 60. humming, 61. millionaire, 62. disguise, 63. interrogate, 64. sociologist, 65. neuroscience, 66. chew, 67. afterward

68. ch__i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
69. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
70. the mal_____ce in her eyes *n.* a strong feeling or inclination of ill will or maliciousness towards others; the quality or state of having evil intentions or wishing harm upon others
71. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
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73. silken t__u *n.* a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute
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ANSWERS: 68. chili, 69. sip, 70. malevolence, 71. sip, 72. confer, 73. tofu, 74. morphine, 75. boast, 76. pollack

77. violent psy_____th
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
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ANSWERS: 77. psychopath, 78. millionaire, 79. neurological, 80. virile, 81. MRI, 82. chew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
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11. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
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- v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
33. He's a _____ when it comes to music and only listens to classical.
- n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
34. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
35. The Internet _____ was captivated by the artist's paintings.
- n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
36. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
37. The online marketplace warned customers to beware of _____ sellers trying to scam them.
- n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

ANSWERS: 31. psychopath, 32. stunned, 33. snob, 34. disguised, 35. millionaire, 36. humming, 37. impostor

38. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
39. The respected _____ spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.
- n.* a person who writes the story of another person
40. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
41. Our marital life was full of happiness and _____ excitement.
- adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

ANSWERS: 38. intuitions, 39. biographer, 40. afterward, 41. pleasurable