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Session 1: Word List

providence

n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

synonym: protection, care, provision

(1) divine **providence**, (2) **providence** of nature

The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of **providence**.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym: terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

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.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

loon

n. a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

synonym: fool, lunatic

(1) **loon** call, (2) wild **loon**

We spotted a common **loon** swimming gracefully in the lake.

roadrunner

n. a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability

(1) elusive **roadrunner**, (2) desert **roadrunner**

I spotted a **roadrunner** chasing after a lizard in the desert.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**
She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

troublemaker

n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**

He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

anesthetize

v. to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

synonym: numb, sedate, drug

(1) **anesthetize** a patient, (2) **anesthetize** a wound

The dentist will **anesthetize** your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

torpedo

n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor

synonym : missile, explosive, underwater bomb

(1) **torpedo** attack, (2) air-dropped **torpedo**

The submarine launched a **torpedo** at the enemy ship.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym : idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

malevolent

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

synonym : evil, malicious, wicked

(1) **malevolent** stars, (2) **malevolent** act

She had a **malevolent** intention to harm her enemy.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

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.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

crypto

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym: digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym: darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when

feeling down.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

astonish

v. to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder

synonym : amaze, astound, surprise

(1) **astonish** audience, (2) **astonish** the world

Her incredible singing voice **astonished** everyone in the room.

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.

mind-boggling

adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

synonym : overwhelming, amazing, astonishing

(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display

Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a **mind-boggling** task.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

Session 2: Spelling

1. he is ob___sed with the fear v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
2. military di____or n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
3. co___r honor v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. elusive roa_____er n. a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability
5. a min_____ing puzzle adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
6. un___d the stroller v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
7. ba___e outside noises v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
8. dr____ul accident adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
9. tra_____nt glass adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

ANSWERS: 1. obsess, 2. dictator, 3. confer, 4. roadrunner, 5. mind-boggling, 6. unfold, 7. baffle, 8. dreadful, 9. translucent

10. in___e other tissues
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
11. accused tro_____ker
n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
12. irr_____ble actions
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
13. di_____t the facts
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
14. g__f stream
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
15. dr_____ul news
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
16. ast_____ics research
n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
17. cr___o wallet
n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
18. em_____ss my project
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 10. invade, 11. troublemaker, 12. irresponsible, 13. distort, 14. gulf, 15. dreadful, 16. astrophysics, 17. crypto, 18. embarrass

19. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
20. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
21. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
22. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
23. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
24. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
25. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
26. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
27. a mi___r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
28. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
29. a min_____ing display *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

ANSWERS: 19. imitation, 20. eradicate, 21. revelry, 22. rediscover, 23. gulf, 24. obsession, 25. baffle, 26. distort, 27. midair, 28. intellect, 29. mind-boggling

30. air-dropped to ____o *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
31. ane _____ze a wound *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
32. in ___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
33. avoid climate cat _____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
34. swe _____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
35. mis _____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
36. cat _____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
37. social mo __n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
38. ob _____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
39. divine pro _____ce *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

ANSWERS: 30. torpedo, 31. anesthetize, 32. invade, 33. catastrophe, 34. sweetheart, 35. misunderstand, 36. catastrophe, 37. moron, 38. obsession, 39. providence

40. thrown out into mi___r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
41. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
42. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
43. mal_____nt act *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
44. pro_____ce of nature *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
45. cr___o exchange *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
46. as_____sh audience *v.* to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder
47. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
48. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
49. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
50. neutrino ast_____ics *n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

ANSWERS: 40. midair, 41. embarrass, 42. irresponsible, 43. malevolent, 44. providence, 45. crypto, 46. astonish, 47. dictator, 48. terrify, 49. eradicate, 50. astrophysics

51. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
52. ane_____ze a patient *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
53. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
54. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
55. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
56. mal_____nt stars *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
57. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
58. desert roa_____er *n.* a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability

ANSWERS: 51. moron, 52. anesthetize, 53. nerd, 54. unfold, 55. translucent, 56. malevolent, 57. imitation, 58. roadrunner

59. l__n call *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
60. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
61. wild l__n *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
62. tro_____ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
63. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
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66. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
67. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 59. loon, 60. misunderstand, 61. loon, 62. troublemaker, 63. sweetheart, 64. intellect, 65. nerd, 66. rediscover, 67. confer

68. to_____o attack *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
69. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
70. as_____sh the world *v.* to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder
71. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
72. ob_____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 68. torpedo, 69. revelry, 70. astonish, 71. terrify, 72. obsess

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

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v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

4. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

5. The sunlight shone through the _____ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.
adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

6. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
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7. I can always rely on my _____ to lift my mood when feeling down.
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8. The submarine launched a _____ at the enemy ship.
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ANSWERS: 8. torpedo, 9. embarrass, 10. dictator, 11. unfolded, 12. distort, 13. nerd, 14. obsessed, 15. astrophysics

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29. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
30. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
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ANSWERS: 24. mind-boggling, 25. obsession, 26. troublemaker, 27. roadrunner, 28. astonished, 29. irresponsible, 30. invade, 31. loon

32. The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of _____.

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