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Session 1: Word List

reminisce

v. to recall or remember past events or experiences, often with nostalgia or fondness

synonym: remember, recall

(1) **reminisce** on old times, (2) **reminisce** with old friends

Whenever I listen to this song, I **reminisce** about my college days.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

sari

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym : shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

kimono

n. a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash

synonym : robe, gown, dress

(1) silk **kimono**, (2) wear a **kimono**

She looked stunning in her traditional Japanese **kimono** dress.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

necessitate

v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

synonym: require, demand, entail

(1) **necessitate** compromise, (2) **necessitate** action

The new law will **necessitate** changes in our current procedures.

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.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

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.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

uproar

n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
synonym : commotion, fuss, disturbance

(1) a clamorous **uproar**, (2) political **uproar**

The **uproar** caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies
synonym : movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
synonym :

worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

familiarity

n. a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation

synonym: acquaintance, knowledge, intimacy

(1) casual **familiarity**, (2) sense of **familiarity**

The tourist's **familiarity** with the city's layout allowed them to navigate easily.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

Session 2: Spelling

1. nec_____te compromise
v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
2. wear a ki___o
n. a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
3. nec_____te action
v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
4. vi_____ry ideas
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
5. cos_____tan lifestyle
adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
6. s__i blouse
n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
7. in_____ge a copyright
v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

ANSWERS: 1. necessitate, 2. kimono, 3. necessitate, 4. visionary, 5. cosmopolitan, 6. sari, 7. infringe

8. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
9. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
10. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
11. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
12. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
13. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
14. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
15. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
16. cos_____tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
17. sense of fam_____ty *n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation

ANSWERS: 8. reconnect, 9. gulf, 10. pajama, 11. gulf, 12. visionary, 13. institutionalize, 14. underestimate, 15. trump, 16. cosmopolitan, 17. familiarity

18. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
19. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
20. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
21. silk ki___o *n.* a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
22. silk s__i *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
23. a clamorous up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
24. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
25. political up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
26. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 18. hinder, 19. chairperson, 20. pretension, 21. kimono, 22. sari, 23. uproar, 24. infringe, 25. uproar, 26. pretension

27. mo_____ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
28. hi____r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
29. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
30. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
31. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
32. pa____a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
33. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
34. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
35. re_____ce with old friends *v.* to recall or remember past events or experiences, often with nostalgia or fondness
36. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
37. st_____le a motorcycle *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

ANSWERS: 27. modernize, 28. hinder, 29. trump, 30. institutionalize, 31. underestimate, 32. pajama, 33. filmmaker, 34. chairperson, 35. reminisce, 36. headscarf, 37. straddle

38. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
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42. fil_____ng industry *n.* the process or art of making movies
43. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
44. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
45. casual fam_____ty *n.* a state of being well-known or closely acquainted with someone or something; the quality of being easily recognized or understood; a feeling of comfort or ease in a particular environment or with a certain situation
46. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 38. reconnect, 39. straddle, 40. modernize, 41. reminisce, 42. filmmaking, 43. headscarf, 44. filmmaking, 45. familiarity, 46. filmmaker

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
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