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Session 1: Word List

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

waver

v. to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
synonym: lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
synonym: waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help

Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

scribe

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

synonym: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym: introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

pronounced

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

synonym: emphasized, distinct, noticeable

(1) clearly- **pronounced** utterances, (2) **pronounced** difference

The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a **pronounced** flavor.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look
The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

indubitable

adj. not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable

synonym: undeniable, unquestionable, certain

(1) **indubitable** truth, (2) **indubitable** evidence

It is **indubitable** that climate change is a pressing issue that requires immediate action.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym: later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

doubtful

adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

synonym: uncertain, questionable, unsure

(1) a book of **doubtful** authorship, (2) **doubtful** whether
It is **doubtful** that we will be able to finish the project on time.

doublet

n. a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire

synonym: pair, twin, matching

(1) musical **doublet**, (2) medieval **doublet**

He wore a stylish **doublet** over his shirt for the Renaissance fair.

redouble

v. to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor

synonym: intensify, multiply, repeat

(1) **redouble** vigilance, (2) **redouble** my determination

I need to **redouble** my efforts to finish this project on time.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. proper n__n | <i>n.</i> a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects |
| 2. f__k art | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 3. a sop_____ted lifestyle | <i>adj.</i> having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion |
| 4. numerous un_____in factors | <i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose |
| 5. in___t a graphic | <i>v.</i> to put something inside something else |
| 6. the f__k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 7. take an un_____in attitude | <i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose |
| 8. re_____le my determination | <i>v.</i> to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor |
| 9. re___e a story | <i>v.</i> to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something |
| 10. administrative co_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty |

ANSWERS: 1. noun, 2. folk, 3. sophisticated, 4. uncertain, 5. insert, 6. folk, 7. uncertain, 8. redouble, 9. relate, 10. confusion

11. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
12. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
13. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
14. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
16. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
17. du____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
18. musical do____t *n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
19. clearly-pro____ed utterances *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
20. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
21. sop____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 11. crazy, 12. silent, 13. doubt, 14. rev, 15. spite, 16. historic, 17. dubious, 18. doublet, 19. pronounced, 20. noun, 21. sophisticated

22. wa__r in purpose *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
23. a book of do____ul authorship *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
24. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
25. sc___e in ancient Egypt *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
26. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
27. pro_____ed difference *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
28. he_____te for a moment *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
29. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
30. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
31. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
32. ind_____le truth *adj.* not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable

ANSWERS: 22. waver, 23. doubtful, 24. spite, 25. scribe, 26. doubt, 27. pronounced, 28. hesitate, 29. subsequent, 30. rev, 31. crazy, 32. indubitable

33. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
34. financial sc___e *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
35. do_____ul whether *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
36. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
37. ind_____le evidence *adj.* not able to be doubted, questioned, or disputed; certain or unquestionable
38. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
39. medieval do_____t *n.* a man's close-fitting jacket, typically with a close fold or a slit in the back, often worn as part of formal or historical attire
40. re_____le vigilance *v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor
41. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
42. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 33. insert, 34. scribe, 35. doubtful, 36. shadow, 37. indubitable, 38. subsequent, 39. doublet, 40. redouble, 41. aspect, 42. relate

43. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
44. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
45. in great co____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
46. direct a du____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
47. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
48. wa__r between work and private life *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
49. he____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
50. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
51. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
52. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 43. historic, 44. aspect, 45. confusion, 46. dubious, 47. silent, 48. waver, 49. hesitate, 50. relation, 51. relation, 52. shadow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please do not _____ to call us.
v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
2. The _____ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.
n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
3. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
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6. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
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7. He wore a stylish _____ over his shirt for the Renaissance fair.
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ANSWERS: 1. hesitate, 2. scribe's, 3. shadow, 4. rev, 5. relate, 6. confusion, 7. doublet

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adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
9. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
v. to put something inside something else
10. The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a _____ flavor.
adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
11. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.
adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
12. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
13. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
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ANSWERS: 17. relations, 18. nouns, 19. folk, 20. aspects, 21. historic, 22. doubtful, 23. Doubt, 24. waver, 25. redouble

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adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

ANSWERS: 26. dubious