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Session 1: Word List

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

smug

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

synonym : self-satisfied, complacent, self-assured

(1) in a **smug** manner, (2) **smug** attitude

She felt **smug** about her performance in the competition.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

boisterous

adj. characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy

synonym: rowdy, loud, uproarious

(1) **boisterous** crowd, (2) **boisterous** children

The children's **boisterous** laughter could be heard from down the street.

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.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

incompetent

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

synonym: ineffective, unskilled, inadequate

(1) **incompetent** leadership, (2) **incompetent** employee

The **incompetent** doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

wacky

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

synonym: absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym: definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

playful

adj. having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play

synonym : mischievous, frisky, sportful

(1) **playful** puppy, (2) **playful** children

The children couldn't contain their **playful** excitement at seeing the new playground.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

berth

n. a place to sleep or rest, especially a place on a ship, train, or caravan; a designated space or spot for a person or vehicle to be stationed or parked

synonym : bunk, spot, docking

(1) dock **berth**, (2) sleeping **berth**

The cruise ship had a comfortable **berth** available for weary travelers.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public

opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

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.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym: psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective

Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

bonkers

adj. slang for completely crazy or insane

synonym: crazy, insane, nuts

(1) **bonkers** idea, (2) sound **bonkers**

The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go **bonkers**.

manhandle

v. to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally

synonym : handle roughly, grab, wrestle

(1) **manhandle** his property, (2) **manhandle** a piece of furniture

The movers tried to **manhandle** the heavy piano up the stairs but eventually had to call for a crane to lift it.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

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.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

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.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

bombshell

n. a sudden and unexpected piece of news or information that is shocking, startling, or disruptive; a person who is very attractive or sexy

synonym : surprise, revelation, shock

(1) political **bombshell**, (2) beauty **bombshell**

The news of his resignation was a **bombshell** for the company's employees.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

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.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit
He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**
Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support
Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym: assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior
The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 2. ma_____le a piece of furniture | <i>v.</i> to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally |
| 3. experienced cl_____an | <i>n.</i> a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients |
| 4. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 5. s__g attitude | <i>adj.</i> excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent |
| 6. di_____sh swelling | <i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc. |
| 7. sound bo_____s | <i>adj.</i> slang for completely crazy or insane |
| 8. bla_____th shop | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 9. the threats te_____y him | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much |
| 10. sp__l a person's sport | <i>v.</i> to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad |
| 11. in a s__g manner | <i>adj.</i> excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent |

ANSWERS: 1. blacksmith, 2. manhandle, 3. clinician, 4. well-being, 5. smug, 6. diminish, 7. bonkers, 8. blacksmith, 9. terrify, 10. spoil, 11. smug

12. l__h the oxen *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
13. sleeping be__h *n.* a place to sleep or rest, especially a place on a ship, train, or caravan; a designated space or spot for a person or vehicle to be stationed or parked
14. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
15. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
16. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
18. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
19. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
20. dock be__h *n.* a place to sleep or rest, especially a place on a ship, train, or caravan; a designated space or spot for a person or vehicle to be stationed or parked

ANSWERS: 12. lash, 13. berth, 14. well-being, 15. unconditional, 16. intellect, 17. spoil, 18. unconditional, 19. disrupt, 20. berth

21. ni__a warrior *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
22. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
23. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
24. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
25. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
26. wa__y value *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
27. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
28. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
29. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
30. bo_____s idea *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
31. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

ANSWERS: 21. ninja, 22. disrupt, 23. murmur, 24. cognition, 25. singe, 26. wacky, 27. frightening, 28. frightening, 29. terrifying, 30. bonkers, 31. decidedly

32. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
33. from a cl_____an's perspective *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
34. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
35. political bo_____ll *n.* a sudden and unexpected piece of news or information that is shocking, startling, or disruptive; a person who is very attractive or sexy
36. boi_____us children *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
37. ma_____le his property *v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
38. wa__y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
39. show te____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
40. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

ANSWERS: 32. tenacity, 33. clinician, 34. diminish, 35. bombshell, 36. boisterous, 37. manhandle, 38. wacky, 39. tenacity, 40. ninja

41. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
42. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
43. boi_____us crowd *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
44. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
45. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
46. di___t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
47. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
48. inc_____nt employee *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
49. beauty bo_____ll *n.* a sudden and unexpected piece of news or information that is shocking, startling, or disruptive; a person who is very attractive or sexy

ANSWERS: 41. devote, 42. decidedly, 43. boisterous, 44. horrify, 45. confuse, 46. divert, 47. chaotic, 48. incompetent, 49. bombshell

50. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
51. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
52. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
53. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
54. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
55. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
56. pl_____l puppy *adj.* having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play
57. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
58. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
59. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 50. excite, 51. sham, 52. bewilder, 53. terrify, 54. distract, 55. intellect, 56. playful, 57. bewilder, 58. appalling, 59. brilliantly

60. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
61. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
62. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
63. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
64. 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
65. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
66. ap_____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
67. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
68. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 60. murmur, 61. terrifying, 62. situ, 63. chaotic, 64. pretension, 65. divert, 66. appalling, 67. excite, 68. lash

69. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
70. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
71. inc_____nt leadership *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
72. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
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74. 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
75. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
76. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
77. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
78. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 69. brilliantly, 70. sham, 71. incompetent, 72. singe, 73. playful, 74. pretension, 75. situ, 76. distract, 77. horrify, 78. confuse

79. de___e all of my energies

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

80. social co_____on

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 79. devote, 80. cognition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The children's _____ laughter could be heard from down the street.
adj. characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
2. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
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5. His friend was a pretty wild and _____ character.
adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
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n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 1. boisterous, 2. confused, 3. blacksmith, 4. playful, 5. wacky, 6. distract, 7. terrifying, 8. intellect

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ANSWERS: 9. unconditional, 10. devoted, 11. bombshell, 12. cognition, 13. singed, 14. sham, 15. ninja, 16. manhandle

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ANSWERS: 25. frightening, 26. bonkers, 27. excited, 28. decidedly, 29. lashed, 30. well-being, 31. berth, 32. brilliantly, 33. pretensions

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ANSWERS: 34. disrupt, 35. appalling, 36. spoil, 37. incompetent, 38. horrify, 39. diminish, 40. situ