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Session 1: Word List

mismanagement

n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences

synonym: inefficiency, mishandling, incompetence

(1) **mismanagement** of funds, (2) **mismanagement** of time

The company's profits suffered due to the **mismanagement** of its resources.

dimly

adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly

synonym: faintly, obscurely, hazily

(1) **dimly** visible, (2) **dimly** remember

The **dimly** lit room created a cozy and intimate atmosphere for the dinner party.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

chameleon

n. a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations

synonym: shape-shifter, transformer, mimic

(1) **chameleon** colors, (2) **chameleon** behavior

The **chameleon's** ability to change colors enabled it to blend seamlessly with its surroundings.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

typecast

v. to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

(1) **typecast** as a villain, (2) **typecast** for the role of a gangster

She didn't want to be **typecast** as a stupid blonde.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

intimidation

n. the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain

course of action

synonym : frightening, bullying, harassment

(1) act of **intimidation**, (2) fear of **intimidation**

Using **intimidation** tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym : explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

shortcoming

n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

synonym : deficiency, fault, weakness

(1) have a serious **shortcoming**, (2) the **shortcoming** in the system

The company's main **shortcoming** was a lack of innovation.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym :

shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

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.

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.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym : concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym: repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym: skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. g__e him with a weapon | v. | to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound |
| 2. sc_____le for support | v. | to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you |
| 3. pr___h the gospel | v. | to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 4. dr__n in a bath | v. | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 5. qualified for an el_____r | n. | a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 6. a_t cabin | adj. | (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle |
| 7. di_____t the facts | v. | to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 8. gu_____t wound | n. | the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target |
| 9. up___d tradition | v. | to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 10. fear of int_____ion | n. | the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action |

ANSWERS: 1. gore, 2. scramble, 3. preach, 4. drown, 5. elector, 6. aft, 7. distort, 8. gunshot, 9. uphold, 10. intimidation

11. ch_____on behavior *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
12. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
14. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
15. ty_____st as a villain *v.* to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability
16. mis_____ent of time *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
17. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
18. have a serious sho_____ng *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
19. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 11. chameleon, 12. determinant, 13. shack, 14. elector, 15. typecast, 16. mismanagement, 17. harmonious, 18. shortcoming, 19. distort

20. alternative ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
21. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
22. an up___l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
23. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
24. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
25. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
26. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
27. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
28. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
29. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 20. tactic, 21. gunshot, 22. uphill, 23. fir, 24. determinant, 25. haunt, 26. footprint, 27. scramble, 28. linger, 29. harmonious

30. li___r over your work
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
31. di__y remember
adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
32. in____ed prices
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
33. bl_____ld challenge
n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
34. fli_____ng flames
adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
35. humble sh__k
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
36. er_____on alert level
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
37. emotional er_____on
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 30. linger, 31. dimly, 32. inflated, 33. blindfold, 34. flickering, 35. shack, 36. eruption, 37. eruption

38. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
39. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
40. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
41. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
42. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
43. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
44. tackle the problem ur____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
45. mis_____ent of funds *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
46. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
47. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 38. urgently, 39. gore, 40. sub-Saharan, 41. cliché, 42. inflated, 43. preach, 44. urgently, 45. mismanagement, 46. haunt, 47. fir

48. di__y visible *adv.* faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
49. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
50. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
51. the sho_____ng in the system *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
52. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
53. ch_____on colors *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
54. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
55. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
56. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
57. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 48. dimly, 49. chant, 50. uphold, 51. shortcoming, 52. drown, 53. chameleon, 54. tactic, 55. cliché, 56. sub-Saharan, 57. chant

58. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
59. an up____l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
60. re__n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
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64. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
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ANSWERS: 58. footprint, 59. uphill, 60. rerun, 61. flickering, 62. rerun, 63. typecast, 64. aft, 65. intimidation

66. bl_____ld game

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 66. blindfold

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Using _____ tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.
 - n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action

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 - n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

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 - n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

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6. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
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7. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
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ANSWERS: 1. intimidation, 2. cliché, 3. determinant, 4. shortcoming, 5. typecast, 6. scrambled, 7. eruption

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v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
15. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 8. dimly, 9. harmonious, 10. distort, 11. shack, 12. uphold, 13. aft, 14. drown, 15. lingered

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ANSWERS: 16. blindfold, 17. gored, 18. tactic, 19. urgently, 20. uphill, 21. rerun, 22. chameleon's

23. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
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24. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
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25. The company's profits suffered due to the _____ of its resources.
n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
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28. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
29. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
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