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Session 1: Word List

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym : gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym : coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

veil *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

illusion *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

moving *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

conclude *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

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.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym : absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

imposing

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

synonym : grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion

The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym : judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

Session 2: Spelling

1. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
2. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
3. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
4. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
5. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
6. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
7. em____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
8. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
9. sh_____r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
10. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
11. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 1. standing, 2. empire, 3. veil, 4. doubt, 5. curl, 6. moving, 7. empire, 8. disappear, 9. shimmer, 10. slide, 11. conclude

12. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
13. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
14. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
15. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
16. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
17. im_____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
18. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
19. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
20. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
21. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 12. folly, 13. greedy, 14. outcome, 15. greedy, 16. standing, 17. imposing, 18. outcome, 19. span, 20. moving, 21. disappear

22. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
23. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
24. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
25. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
26. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
27. sh____r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
28. legal ru___g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 22. curl, 23. exception, 24. folly, 25. exception, 26. junk, 27. shimmer, 28. ruling

29. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
30. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
31. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
32. im____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
33. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
34. administrative co____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
35. supreme court ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
36. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
37. in great co____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 29. veil, 30. slide, 31. illusion, 32. imposing, 33. junk, 34. confusion, 35. ruling, 36. span, 37. confusion

38. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
39. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
40. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 38. conclude, 39. doubt, 40. illusion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

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adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

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ANSWERS: 1. Doubt, 2. curled, 3. greedy, 4. confusion, 5. span, 6. moving, 7. shimmer

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13. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
14. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
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ANSWERS: 16. ruling, 17. imposing, 18. junk, 19. standing, 20. slide