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Session 1: Word List

unkempt

adj. untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained

synonym: messy, disheveled, untidy

(1) **unkempt** hair, (2) **unkempt** garden

She was so absorbed in her research that she often had an **unkempt** appearance, forgetting even basic grooming.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

intelligentsia

n. the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

synonym: intellectuals, intelligents, savants

(1) members of **intelligentsia**, (2) artistic **intelligentsia**

The voices of the political and academic **intelligentsia** dominated the debate.

soirée

n. an evening party or reception, typically in a private house

synonym : party, gathering, reception

(1) elegant **soirée**, (2) take part in a **soirée**

She was invited to many exclusive **soirées** and social events.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

monstrosity

n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

synonym : monstrous, freak, deformity

(1) **monstrosity** of war, (2) **monstrosity** of nature

The creature's **monstrosity** in the horror movie shocked the audience.

cog

n. a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

synonym: gear, wheel, sprocket

(1) **cog** in the system, (2) missing **cog**

The **cog** in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.

locomotive

n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

synonym: train, engine, motor

(1) **locomotive** engine, (2) diesel **locomotive**

The powerful **locomotive** chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

subtraction

n. the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities

synonym: deduction, minus, withdrawal

(1) **subtraction** equation, (2) double-digit **subtraction**

The **subtraction** of expenses from revenue resulted in a net profit for the company.

regularity

n. the quality or state of being done often; conformity to a set of rules, standards, or expectations; the state of occurring with a consistent or predictable pattern or frequency

synonym: consistency, uniformity, regularness

(1) the **regularity** of his breathing, (2) sleep **regularity**

The **regularity** of exercise is important for maintaining good health.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

dynamo

n. a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field

synonym : generator, powerhouse

(1) a **dynamo** of productivity, (2) marketing **dynamo**

The electrical **dynamo** produced enough power to light up the entire city.

ding

v. to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

synonym : hit, smack, bump

(1) **ding** a bell, (2) **ding** a ling

I accidentally **dinged** my new car door in the parking lot.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym : conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

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.

humongous

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

synonym : gigantic, enormous, colossal

(1) **humongous** appetite, (2) **humongous** amount

The new office building was **humongous** and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym : tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

Session 2: Spelling

1. missing c_g *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

2. d__g a bell *v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

3. mon_____ty of nature *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

4. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

5. loc_____ve engine *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

6. mon_____ty of war *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

ANSWERS: 1. cog, 2. ding, 3. monstrosity, 4. fiddle, 5. locomotive, 6. monstrosity

7. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
8. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
9. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
10. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
11. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
12. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
13. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
14. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
15. elegant so___e *n.* an evening party or reception, typically in a private house
16. sleep reg_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being done often; conformity to a set of rules, standards, or expectations; the state of occurring with a consistent or predictable pattern or frequency

ANSWERS: 7. numb, 8. obsess, 9. Newtonian, 10. inherit, 11. ram, 12. loom, 13. weave, 14. weave, 15. soirée, 16. regularity

17. artistic int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
18. the reg_____ty of his breathing *n.* the quality or state of being done often; conformity to a set of rules, standards, or expectations; the state of occurring with a consistent or predictable pattern or frequency
19. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
20. marketing dy___o *n.* a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field
21. things at the na_____le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
22. re_____ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
23. hu_____us appetite *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
24. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
25. un_____t garden *adj.* untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained

ANSWERS: 17. intelligentsia, 18. regularity, 19. nerd, 20. dynamo, 21. nanoscale, 22. reappear, 23. humongous, 24. hawk, 25. unkempt

26. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
27. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
28. d__g a ling *v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food
29. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
30. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
31. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
32. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
33. c_g in the system *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

ANSWERS: 26. numb, 27. hawk, 28. ding, 29. ram, 30. revolutionize, 31. inherit, 32. curator, 33. cog

34. re____ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
35. members of int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
36. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
37. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
38. a dy___o of productivity *n.* a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field
39. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
40. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
41. take part in a so___e *n.* an evening party or reception, typically in a private house
42. sub_____on equation *n.* the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities
43. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
44. un_____t hair *adj.* untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained

ANSWERS: 34. reappear, 35. intelligentsia, 36. peel, 37. peel, 38. dynamo, 39. repurpose, 40. revolutionize, 41. soirée, 42. subtraction, 43. obsess, 44. unkempt

45. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
46. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
47. double-digit sub_____on *n.* the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities
48. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
49. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
50. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
51. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
52. 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
53. hu_____us amount *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

ANSWERS: 45. nanoscale, 46. repurpose, 47. subtraction, 48. curator, 49. fiddle, 50. aristocracy, 51. determinant, 52. determinant, 53. humongous

54. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
55. the blue-blooded ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
56. I__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
57. Ne____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
58. diesel loc____ve *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

ANSWERS: 54. nerd, 55. aristocracy, 56. loom, 57. Newtonian, 58. locomotive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was invited to many exclusive _____ and social events.
n. an evening party or reception, typically in a private house
2. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
3. I accidentally _____ my new car door in the parking lot.
v. to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food
4. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
5. The powerful _____ chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.
n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
6. The _____ of exercise is important for maintaining good health.
n. the quality or state of being done often; conformity to a set of rules, standards, or expectations; the state of occurring with a consistent or predictable pattern or frequency
7. The _____ of expenses from revenue resulted in a net profit for the company.
n. the process or action of removing one number from another; the mathematical operation of finding the difference between two numbers or quantities

ANSWERS: 1. soirées, 2. loomed, 3. dinged, 4. inherited, 5. locomotive, 6. regularity, 7. subtraction

8. The creature's _____ in the horror movie shocked the audience.
- n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
9. The electrical _____ produced enough power to light up the entire city.
- n.* a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy, typically consisting of a rotating coil or magnet within a magnetic field
10. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
11. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
12. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
13. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
14. The invention of the smartphone _____ the way we communicate with each other.
- v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
15. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
- adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

ANSWERS: 8. monstrosity, 9. dynamo, 10. hawk, 11. nerd, 12. obsessed, 13. determinant, 14. revolutionized, 15. Newtonian

16. The ___ in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.
- n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
17. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
18. She was so absorbed in her research that she often had an _____ appearance, forgetting even basic grooming.
- adj.* untidy, disheveled, or messy in appearance; not properly cared for or maintained
19. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.
- v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
20. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
21. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
- v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
22. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 16. cog, 17. repurposed, 18. unkempt, 19. fiddle, 20. nanoscale, 21. rammed, 22. peeled

23. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

24. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

25. Cancer has _____ at the same site.

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

26. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

27. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

28. The new office building was _____ and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

29. The voices of the political and academic _____ dominated the debate.

n. the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

ANSWERS: 23. curator, 24. weaves, 25. reappeared, 26. numb, 27. aristocracy, 28. humongous, 29. intelligentsia