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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

sidekick

n. a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion

synonym : companion, helper, ally

(1) a detective's **sidekick**, (2) his best friend's **sidekick**

The superhero's **sidekick** was always there to help him.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

kismet

n. destiny or fate; the belief that events in life are predetermined or influenced by supernatural forces

synonym: fate, destiny, fortune

(1) literary **kismet**, (2) **kismet** connection

Many believe that finding one's soulmate is not about searching but rather a matter of romantic **kismet**.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym: silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

stan

n. a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme

synonym: fandom, fanbase, support group

(1) the **stan** of the artist, (2) drama **stan**

I'm a huge Marvel **stan**, and I've seen every movie in the franchise.

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

humanoid

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

synonym: android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

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.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

likable

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

synonym: sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

mimicry

n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

synonym: imitation, apery

(1) vocal **mimicry**, (2) floral **mimicry**

Some insects use **mimicry** to avoid detection by predators.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior
The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

expressive

adj. capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

synonym : meaningful, communicative, eloquent

(1) **expressive** artwork, (2) **expressive** language

Her **expressive** dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym: sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

obese

adj. excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

synonym: overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

whatnot

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or

curios

synonym : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
2. 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
3. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
5. ob___e children *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
6. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
7. vocal mi_____y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
8. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

ANSWERS: 1. subconscious, 2. determinant, 3. confer, 4. trustworthy, 5. obese, 6. determinant, 7. mimicry, 8. robotic

9. ki___t connection *n.* destiny or fate; the belief that events in life are predetermined or influenced by supernatural forces
10. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
11. literary ki___t *n.* destiny or fate; the belief that events in life are predetermined or influenced by supernatural forces
12. hu____id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
13. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
14. his best friend's si_____ck *n.* a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion
15. the s__n of the artist *n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
16. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
17. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
18. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
19. exp_____ve artwork *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

ANSWERS: 9. kismet, 10. matte, 11. kismet, 12. humanoid, 13. grandparent, 14. sidekick, 15. stan, 16. doe, 17. fascinate, 18. fascinate, 19. expressive

20. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
21. floral mi_____y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
22. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
23. li_____e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
24. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
25. exp_____ve language *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness
26. drama s__n *n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
27. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
28. a li_____e character *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
29. regular be_____e *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 20. persuasive, 21. mimicry, 22. immerse, 23. likable, 24. mimic, 25. expressive, 26. stan, 27. grandparent, 28. likable, 29. bedtime

30. ob__e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
31. ro____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
32. gra____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
33. gra____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
34. no____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
35. sub____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
36. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
37. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
38. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
39. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

ANSWERS: 30. obese, 31. robotic, 32. grandchild, 33. grandchild, 34. nonverbal, 35. subconscious, 36. enrich, 37. confer, 38. mimic, 39. enrich

40. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
41. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
42. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
43. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
44. a detective's si_____ck *n.* a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion
45. hu_____id design *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
46. books and wh_____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
47. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
48. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 40. empathy, 41. nonverbal, 42. matte, 43. persuasive, 44. sidekick, 45. humanoid, 46. whatnot, 47. immerse, 48. doe

49. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
50. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
51. be_____e meditation *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
52. clothes and wh_____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 49. trustworthy, 50. empathy, 51. bedtime, 52. whatnot

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some insects use _____ to avoid detection by predators.
n. the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

2. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

3. 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

4. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

5. Reading _____ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.
n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

6. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter

7. Her _____ dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.
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ANSWERS: 1. mimicry, 2. Empathy, 3. determinant, 4. confer, 5. bedtime, 6. grandchild, 7. expressive

8. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

adj. reliable and dependable

9. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

10. The body of his car has a _____ finish.

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

11. The superhero's _____ was always there to help him.

n. a person who is closely associated with and supports another person, especially in a work or professional capacity; a person who is a close and loyal companion

12. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

13. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and _____ at the store.

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

14. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

15. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 8. trustworthy, 9. persuasive, 10. matte, 11. sidekick, 12. fascinated, 13. whatnot, 14. doe, 15. grandparents

16. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
17. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.
- adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
18. He's a very _____ person who makes friends easily.
- adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
19. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
20. The doctor warned him that his _____ condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.
- adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
21. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.
- n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
22. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
23. Many believe that finding one's soulmate is not about searching but rather a matter of romantic _____.
- n.* destiny or fate; the belief that events in life are predetermined or influenced by supernatural forces

ANSWERS: 16. mimic, 17. robotic, 18. likable, 19. enriches, 20. obese, 21. humanoid, 22. subconscious, 23. kismet

24. I'm a huge Marvel _____ and I've seen every movie in the franchise.
- n.* a passionate and obsessive fan of a particular celebrity, musician, or athlete, often to the point of being irrational or extreme
25. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
26. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.
- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

ANSWERS: 24. stan, 25. immersed, 26. nonverbal