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Session 1: Word List

artful

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

synonym : crafty, cunning, skillful

(1) **artful** design, (2) **artful** manipulation

The writer's **artful** descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym : weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

heroism

n. great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

synonym : bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

uptight

adj. tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection

synonym : nervous, anxious, tense

(1) **uptight** attitude, (2) **uptight** schedule

My boss is always **uptight** and stressed out.

chuckle

n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

synonym : laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

exuberant

adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

synonym : joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. asylum for or ___n children | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 2. stifled ch_____e | <i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way |
| 3. ch_____e at my cat's silly antics | <i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way |
| 4. fr_____y syndrome | <i>n.</i> the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality |
| 5. a ha_____ng sense of fear | <i>adj.</i> lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off |
| 6. a few years af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 7. cro_____ing in climate policy | <i>n.</i> the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet |
| 8. ex_____nt performance | <i>adj.</i> full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production |

ANSWERS: 1. orphan, 2. chuckle, 3. chuckle, 4. frailty, 5. haunting, 6. afterward, 7. crowdsourcing, 8. exuberant

9. ar___l manipulation *adj.* skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
10. cognitive fr____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
11. ha____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
12. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
13. acts of he____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
14. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
15. military he____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
16. ex_____nt personality *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
17. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

ANSWERS: 9. artful, 10. frailty, 11. haunting, 12. crowdsourcing, 13. heroism, 14. embarrass, 15. heroism, 16. exuberant, 17. ingenious

18. ar___l design *adj.* skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
19. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
20. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
21. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
22. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
23. up_____t schedule *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
24. up_____t attitude *adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
25. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
26. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
27. or___n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
28. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 18. artful, 19. uncover, 20. uncover, 21. embarrass, 22. envelop, 23. uptight, 24. uptight, 25. afterward, 26. ingenious, 27. orphan, 28. envelop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
2. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
3. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
4. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
5. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
6. The writer's _____ descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.
adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
7. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 1. afterward, 2. ingenious, 3. orphan, 4. enveloped, 5. crowdsourcing, 6. artful, 7. uncovered

8. The firefighter showed true _____ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
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9. I couldn't help but let out a little _____ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.
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10. The doctor warned us about the human body's _____ and the dangers of neglecting our health.
- n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
11. The young couple's _____ energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.
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12. My boss is always _____ and stressed out.
- adj.* tense, anxious, or stressed; showing or feeling a need for control or perfection
13. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
- adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
14. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 8. heroism, 9. chuckle, 10. frailty, 11. exuberant, 12. uptight, 13. haunting, 14. embarrass

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