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Session 1: Word List

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

prevalence

n. the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time

synonym: preponderance, currency, frequency

(1) **prevalence** rate, (2) high **prevalence** of a diabetes

The **prevalence** of allergies has increased in recent years.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost
Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym: contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**

His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

pharmacy

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

synonym : drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

(1) **pharmacy** chain, (2) online **pharmacy**

I need to go to the hospital **pharmacy** to pick up my prescription.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

generic

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product

synonym : common, ordinary, typical

(1) a **generic** product, (2) **generic** version

The **generic** aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym: loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage vows.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

synonym: wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym: band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

prudent

adj. acting with or showing care and thought for the future; exercising good judgment and common sense; sensible or wise in making decisions

synonym: cautious, wise, sensible

(1) **prudent** decision, (2) **prudent** investment

The company decided to take a more **prudent** approach to its expansion plans this year.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a pro_____ve smile | <i>adj.</i> arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately |
| 2. pa_____ng materials | <i>n.</i> the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging |
| 3. lif_____ng device | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning |
| 4. visual im_____y | <i>n.</i> the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events |
| 5. biodegradable pa_____ng | <i>n.</i> the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging |
| 6. in____t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 7. nontechnical as____ts of the job | <i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc. |
| 8. silk ri____n | <i>n.</i> a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award |
| 9. p__e a new path | <i>v.</i> to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use |

ANSWERS: 1. provocative, 2. packaging, 3. lifesaving, 4. imagery, 5. packaging, 6. infect, 7. aspect, 8. ribbon, 9. pave

10. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
11. fi____ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
12. mi____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
13. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
14. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
15. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
16. pr____t investment *adj.* acting with or showing care and thought for the future; exercising good judgment and common sense; sensible or wise in making decisions
17. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 10. develop, 11. fidelity, 12. midnight, 13. aspect, 14. unfortunately, 15. develop, 16. prudent, 17. mess

18. p__e a smoother road
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
19. pink ri___n campaign
n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
20. create a br__d logo
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
21. inc_____ly cheerful character
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
22. fi_____ng activity
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
23. a ge_____c product
adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
24. online ph_____cy
n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
25. no asp_____on for fame
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
26. sl_____ly alkaline soils
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
27. ph_____cy chain
n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
28. the br__d of the new car
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 18. pave, 19. ribbon, 20. brand, 21. incredibly, 22. financing, 23. generic, 24. pharmacy, 25. aspiration, 26. slightly, 27. pharmacy, 28. brand

29. co___m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
30. pr_____t decision *adj.* acting with or showing care and thought for the future; exercising good judgment and common sense; sensible or wise in making decisions
31. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
32. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
33. ge_____c version *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
34. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
35. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
36. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
37. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
38. high fi_____ty music *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 29. condom, 30. prudent, 31. incredibly, 32. reform, 33. generic, 34. financing, 35. infect, 36. unfortunately, 37. midnight, 38. fidelity

39. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
40. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
41. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
42. pre_____ce rate *n.* the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time
43. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
44. pro_____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
45. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
46. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 39. infrastructure, 40. mess, 41. democracy, 42. prevalence, 43. lifesaving, 44. provocative, 45. republic, 46. republic

54. satellite im____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
55. high pre_____ce of a diabetes *n.* the state or condition of being widespread or common; the extent or frequency of occurrence of a disease or condition in a given population at a specific time
56. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
57. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
58. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 54. imagery, 55. prevalence, 56. democracy, 57. aspiration, 58. condom

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
2. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
3. The _____ aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.
adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
4. The _____ of allergies has increased in recent years.
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n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
6. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
7. The company decided to take a more _____ approach to its expansion plans this year.
adj. acting with or showing care and thought for the future; exercising good judgment and common sense; sensible or wise in making decisions

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v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
17. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
18. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
19. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
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21. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.
n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

ANSWERS: 14. provocative, 15. paved, 16. infect, 17. aspiration, 18. midnight, 19. donor, 20. imagery, 21. pharmacy

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