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Session 1: Word List

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym: housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

tenuous

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

synonym: slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of

objectivity.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

succinct

adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

synonym: concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hom_____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
2. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
3. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
4. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
5. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
6. su_____ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
7. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 1. homemaking, 2. elicit, 3. moth, 4. imprint, 5. bombard, 6. succinct, 7. assassination

8. el___t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
9. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
10. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
11. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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13. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
14. traditional hom_____ng skills *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
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ANSWERS: 8. elicit, 9. shadowy, 10. womanhood, 11. pretension, 12. shadowy, 13. intellect, 14. homemaking, 15. assassination, 16. bombard

17. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
18. embrace wo_____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
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ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
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4. Evidence submitted by attorneys is _____ due to a lack of objectivity.
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7. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
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ANSWERS: 1. bombard, 2. assassination, 3. imprint, 4. tenuous, 5. elicited, 6. pretensions, 7. moth

8. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
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ANSWERS: 8. intellect, 9. succinct, 10. shadowy, 11. womanhood, 12. Homemaking