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Session 1: Word List

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym : glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym : buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

dale

n. a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it

synonym : valley, glen, hollow

(1) **dale** landscape, (2) fertile **dale**

The grassy **dale** was filled with wildflowers and grazing

sheep.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

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.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym : lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been

terrorizing the city for months.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings
He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
2. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
3. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
4. video game re____e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
5. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. d__e landscape *n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
7. men often pr_____e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

ANSWERS: 1. subversive, 2. fascinate, 3. fascinate, 4. remake, 5. opportune, 6. dale, 7. precede

8. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
10. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
11. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
12. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
13. 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
14. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
15. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
16. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
17. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. scoot, 10. scoot, 11. drone, 12. archer, 13. robotic, 14. physicist, 15. scrape, 16. archer, 17. narrator

18. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
19. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
21. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
22. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
23. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
24. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
25. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
26. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 18. glide, 19. industrious, 20. commonplace, 21. scrape, 22. reshape, 23. commonplace, 24. glide, 25. psychopath, 26. smartphone, 27. subversive

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| 28. ra_____e in all directions | v. | to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 29. pr_____e any discussion | v. | to happen or go before something or someone in time or space |
| 30. ra_____e an aura | v. | to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 31. ti____r with the bill | v. | to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way |
| 32. re_____e education policy | v. | to change the form or structure of something |
| 33. the na_____or of the TV program | n. | a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 34. an ent_____stic response | n. | a person having a strong liking for something |
| 35. fertile d__e | n. | a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it |
| 36. talented ph_____st | n. | a scientist who specializes in the field of physics |
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| 38. sma_____ne addict | n. | a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
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40. 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
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42. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. classic car ent____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
44. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 40. robotic, 41. remake, 42. industrious, 43. enthusiast, 44. drone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magic tricks _____ the children.
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