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Session 1: Word List

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym: storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

moviegoer

n. a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity

synonym : filmgoer, cinema fan, movie enthusiast

(1) **moviegoer** experience, (2) avid **moviegoer**

The film festival had a special section dedicated to movies recommended by **moviegoers**.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym: deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym: assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

ataxia

n. a neurological condition characterized by a lack of muscle coordination, resulting in unsteady movements and difficulties with balance and speech

synonym: incoordination, unsteadiness, clumsiness

(1) cerebellar **ataxia**, (2) hereditary **ataxia**

The patient's **ataxia** symptoms worsened over time, prompting the need for a comprehensive treatment approach.

lightheaded

adj. feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings

synonym: dizzy, giddy, faint

(1) become **lightheaded**, (2) **lightheaded** from dehydration

After the rollercoaster ride, I felt **lightheaded** and needed to sit down.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

synonym: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement

Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

maharaja

n. (often translated as "great king" or "king of kings") a title used in several regions in India, traditionally given to a

ruling monarch or prince; a person of high status or authority

synonym : emperor, prince, ruler

(1) powerful **maharaja**, (2) **maharaja** heritage

The **maharaja's** palace was a symbol of opulence and grandeur.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area

Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Co_____um area *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

2. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

3. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

4. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

5. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

6. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

7. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

8. avid mo_____er *n.* a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity

ANSWERS: 1. colosseum, 2. odyssey, 3. motto, 4. rev, 5. obsession, 6. dinosaur, 7. filmmaker, 8. moviegoer

9. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
10. lig_____ed from dehydration *adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings
11. wi___e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
12. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
13. political tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
14. imp_____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
15. wi___e her lips *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
16. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 9. Christ, 10. lightheaded, 11. wiggle, 12. presumption, 13. trickery, 14. improbable, 15. wiggle, 16. deception

17. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
18. cerebellar at___a *n.* a neurological condition characterized by a lack of muscle coordination, resulting in unsteady movements and difficulties with balance and speech
19. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
20. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
21. cunning tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
22. political ar_____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
23. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
24. mo_____er experience *n.* a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity
25. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 17. dizzy, 18. ataxia, 19. roar, 20. filmmaker, 21. trickery, 22. arsenal, 23. dinosaur, 24. moviegoer, 25. rev

26. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
27. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
28. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
29. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
30. ma_____ja heritage *n.* (often translated as "great king" or "king of kings") a title used in several regions in India, traditionally given to a ruling monarch or prince; a person of high status or authority
31. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
32. become lig_____ed *adj.* feeling dizzy, weak, or faint; having a sensation of being slightly detached from reality or detached from one's surroundings

ANSWERS: 26. puppet, 27. arsenal, 28. magician, 29. chimpanzee, 30. maharaja, 31. magician, 32. lightheaded

33. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
34. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
35. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
36. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
37. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
38. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
39. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
40. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
41. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
42. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
43. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

ANSWERS: 33. betray, 34. dizzy, 35. chimpanzee, 36. broth, 37. astonished, 38. betray, 39. roar, 40. broth, 41. imaginative, 42. obsession, 43. presumption

44. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
45. Alice's won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
46. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
47. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
48. magical won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
49. hereditary at___a *n.* a neurological condition characterized by a lack of muscle coordination, resulting in unsteady movements and difficulties with balance and speech
50. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
51. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

ANSWERS: 44. puppet, 45. wonderland, 46. odyssey, 47. motto, 48. wonderland, 49. ataxia, 50. astonished, 51. improbable

52. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
53. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
54. powerful ma_____ja *n.* (often translated as "great king" or "king of kings") a title used in several regions in India, traditionally given to a ruling monarch or prince; a person of high status or authority
55. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
56. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 52. colosseum, 53. deception, 54. maharaja, 55. Christ, 56. imaginative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.
n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

2. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

3. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

4. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.
n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

5. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

6. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 1. arsenal, 2. deception, 3. trickery, 4. magician's, 5. wonderland, 6. motto

7. The _____ palace was a symbol of opulence and grandeur.
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ANSWERS: 7. maharaja's, 8. obsession, 9. filmmaker, 10. Christmas, 11. Colosseum, 12. improbable, 13. broth, 14. odyssey

15. After the rollercoaster ride, I felt _____ and needed to sit down.
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adj. extremely surprised and upset
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v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
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n. a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity
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adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
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ANSWERS: 15. lightheaded, 16. astonished, 17. roared, 18. moviegoers, 19. dizzy, 20. ataxia, 21. wiggle, 22. puppet

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adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

24. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

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n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

28. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 23. imaginative, 24. betrayed, 25. rev, 26. chimpanzee, 27. presumption, 28. dinosaur