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Session 1: Word List

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.

plagiarism

n. the act of using someone else's words or ideas without giving proper credit or permission; the representation of another person's work as one's own

synonym: theft, piracy, copying

(1) commit **plagiarism**, (2) **plagiarism** detection

The student was accused of **plagiarism** after submitting a paper that contained large sections of copied text.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym: celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

fib

v. to tell a small or harmless lie; to fabricate or make up a false statement or story to deceive or mislead; (noun) a small or trivial lie

synonym : lie, deceive, fabricate

(1) **fib** about his whereabouts, (2) **fib** to avoid trouble
Kids often **fib** about eating their vegetables when parents aren't looking.

devious

adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
synonym : cunning, deceitful, tricky

(1) **devious** plot, (2) use **devious** methods
The **devious** plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

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.

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym : lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark
The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym : Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics
Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

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.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym: silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

- situ** *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial
(1) **ex-situ** conservation, (2) **in-situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- dilate** *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
synonym: widen, open, enlarge
(1) **dilate** the bronchial tubes, (2) **dilate** blood vessel
The pupils of the eyes **dilate** in low light.
- pathological** *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
synonym: aberrant, diseased, abnormal
(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition
The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.
- linguist** *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot
(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**
Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.
- humming** *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating
(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird
The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- fir** *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym : sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

utterance

n. spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words

synonym : expression, articulation, declaration

(1) poetic **utterance**, (2) political **utterance**

The doctor carefully listened to her patient's **utterances** to diagnose his condition.

evanescent

adj. fleeting or temporary; tending to fade or disappear quickly; of or relating to anything that has a short-lived existence or duration

synonym : fleeting, disappearing, transitory

(1) **evanescent** dream, (2) **evanescent** nature of fame

The beauty of the sunset was **evanescent** as it disappeared quickly behind the mountains.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

Session 2: Spelling

1. eva_____nt dream *adj.* fleeting or temporary; tending to fade or disappear quickly; of or relating to anything that has a short-lived existence or duration
2. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
3. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
4. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
5. 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
6. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
7. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
8. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

ANSWERS: 1. evanescent, 2. constrain, 3. nonverbal, 4. superstar, 5. puppet, 6. ambiguity, 7. saber, 8. waltz

9. ta____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
10. political ut_____ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
11. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
12. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
13. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
14. Co_____an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
15. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
16. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
17. a la_____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
18. pla_____sm detection *n.* the act of using someone else's words or ideas without giving proper credit or permission; the representation of another person's work as one's own
19. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

ANSWERS: 9. takeaway, 10. utterance, 11. humming, 12. pervasive, 13. constrain, 14. Confucian, 15. humming, 16. Confucian, 17. lantern, 18. plagiarism, 19. deceptive

20. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
21. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
22. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
23. f_b to avoid trouble *v.* to tell a small or harmless lie; to fabricate or make up a false statement or story to deceive or mislead; (noun) a small or trivial lie
24. 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
25. di___e the bronchial tubes *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
26. 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
27. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
28. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
29. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 20. writ, 21. takeaway, 22. correlate, 23. fib, 24. deception, 25. dilate, 26. deception, 27. ambiguity, 28. nonverbal, 29. fascinate

30. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
31. commit pla_____sm *n.* the act of using someone else's words or ideas without giving proper credit or permission; the representation of another person's work as one's own
32. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
33. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
34. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
35. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
36. 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
37. bu____r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
38. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 30. superstar, 31. plagiarism, 32. coworker, 33. waltz, 34. linguist, 35. intuition, 36. puppet, 37. butler, 38. fir

39. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
40. poetic ut_____ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
41. use de_____s methods *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
42. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
43. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
44. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
45. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
46. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
47. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 39. fir, 40. utterance, 41. devious, 42. correlate, 43. pathological, 44. saber, 45. deceptive, 46. fascinate, 47. intuition

48. f_b about his whereabouts *v.* to tell a small or harmless lie; to fabricate or make up a false statement or story to deceive or mislead; (noun) a small or trivial lie
49. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
50. household bu___r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
51. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
52. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
53. eva_____nt nature of fame *adj.* fleeting or temporary; tending to fade or disappear quickly; of or relating to anything that has a short-lived existence or duration
54. di___e blood vessel *v.* to make something wider, larger, or more open
55. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
56. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
57. de_____s plot *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
58. candle la_____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

ANSWERS: 48. fib, 49. situ, 50. butler, 51. writ, 52. pervasive, 53. evanescent, 54. dilate, 55. situ, 56. coworker, 57. devious, 58. lantern

59. pat_____cal condition

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

60. cognitive li_____st

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

ANSWERS: 59. pathological, 60. linguist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command

2. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

3. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
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6. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

7. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. linguist, 3. waltz, 4. deception, 5. evanescent, 6. coworker, 7. nonverbal

8. She is a _____ in the music industry.
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
9. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
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ANSWERS: 16. devious, 17. butler, 18. lantern, 19. deceptive, 20. correlate, 21. intuitions, 22. situ

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25. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

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