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Session 1: Word List

unsolved

adj. not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma

synonym : unresolved, mysterious, perplexing

(1) **unsolved** mystery, (2) **unsolved** crime

The case remains **unsolved** after years of investigation.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

polymath

n. a person who has expertise or a broad skillset across a range of diverse subjects or areas of knowledge

synonym : renaissance man, genius, expert

(1) **polymath** scholar, (2) modern-day **polymath**

Leonardo da Vinci is considered a **polymath** for his expertise in various fields such as art, science, and engineering.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

generalization

n. the act of making a broad statement or conclusion based on limited information or experience; a statement that applies to a large group or category of things or people, often without considering the unique qualities or circumstances of each individual

synonym: stereotype, oversimplification, abstraction

(1) hasty **generalization**, (2) **generalization** of the problem
It's unfair to make a **generalization** about an entire group of people based on stereotypes.

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.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

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.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent
He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

conservatism

n. a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

synonym: traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

Conservatism in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council
The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

bioinformatics

n. the interdisciplinary field that combines biology and computer science to analyze, interpret, and manage biological information and data, particularly in the realm of genetics, genomics, and other related areas

synonym: computational biology, genomics

(1) **bioinformatics** research, (2) **bioinformatics** tools
Bioinformatics algorithms are essential for identifying and analyzing patterns in biological data.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym: stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**
They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

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.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support
Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

anagram

n. a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase

synonym : rearrangement, permutation, transposition

(1) **anagram** puzzle, (2) scrambled **anagram**

The **anagram** phrases 'Listen' and 'Silent' show how rearranging a word's letters can create another related word.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym : stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

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**.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

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.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym : courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire
His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym : stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

acquaintance

n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend

synonym : friend, associate, contact

(1) **acquaintance** with a language, (2) business **acquaintance**

I met him at a party, and we quickly became **acquaintances**.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life
They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un_____ed crime *adj.* not yet understood, explained, or resolved; remaining a mystery or enigma
2. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
3. an_____m puzzle *n.* a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
4. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
5. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. acq_____nce with a language *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
7. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
8. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
9. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

ANSWERS: 1. unsolved, 2. scramble, 3. anagram, 4. hoard, 5. seize, 6. acquaintance, 7. incentivize, 8. scramble, 9. reluctance

10. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
11. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
12. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
13. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
15. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
16. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
17. scrambled an_____m *n.* a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
18. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
19. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
20. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

ANSWERS: 10. seize, 11. unconventional, 12. amplify, 13. opportune, 14. reinvent, 15. hoard, 16. unconventional, 17. anagram, 18. Newtonian, 19. bravery, 20. Wikipedia

21. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
22. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
23. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
24. co_____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
25. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
26. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
27. bio_____ics tools *n.* the interdisciplinary field that combines biology and computer science to analyze, interpret, and manage biological information and data, particularly in the realm of genetics, genomics, and other related areas
28. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
29. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
30. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
31. 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

ANSWERS: 21. excite, 22. skeptical, 23. confer, 24. convene, 25. motto, 26. intellect, 27. bioinformatics, 28. writ, 29. skeptical, 30. speculate, 31. rev

32. Ne_____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
33. technological im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
34. modern-day po_____th *n.* a person who has expertise or a broad skillset across a range of diverse subjects or areas of knowledge
35. fiscal con_____ism *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
36. 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
37. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
38. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
39. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
40. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 32. Newtonian, 33. impetus, 34. polymath, 35. conservatism, 36. rev, 37. speculate, 38. conceive, 39. amplify, 40. improvisation

41. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
42. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
43. rel____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
44. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
45. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
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ANSWERS: 41. sect, 42. creditor, 43. reluctance, 44. confer, 45. posit, 46. Wikipedia, 47. astronomer, 48. opportune, 49. intellect, 50. bioinformatics

61. a me____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
62. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. business acq_____nce *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
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72. the cr____or's claims

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 72. creditor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 32. rev, 33. reinvent, 34. Bioinformatics, 35. improvisation, 36. astronomers