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Session 1: Word List

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym: tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

extort

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: coerce, blackmail, squeeze

(1) **extort** information, (2) **extort** a confession

The criminals tried to **extort** money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

antisocial

adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards

synonym: unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive

(1) **antisocial** tendencies, (2) **antisocial** personality disorder

The suspect's **antisocial** behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

earring

n. a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe

synonym: ear drop, stud, jewelry

(1) diamond **earring**, (2) gold **earring**

She bought a beautiful pair of pearl **earrings** for her sister's wedding.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**
My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances
She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus
The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device
The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

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.

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.

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

pinata

n. a decorated container, often made of papier-mache, filled with candies, small toys, or other treats, typically hung up at parties or celebrations and broken open by blindfolded participants using a stick

synonym : candy-filled figure, party game, hitting game

(1) colorful **pinata**, (2) **pinata** party

The children excitedly took turns hitting the **pinata** at the birthday party.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

dodgeball

n. a game in which two teams throw balls at each other to hit opponents and eliminate them from the game while avoiding being hit themselves

(1) **dodgeball** team, (2) **dodgeball** tournament

During PE class, we played an intense game of **dodgeball**.

intramural

adj. occurring within or involving the boundaries of a single institution or organization, particularly a school or university, often used for sports or other competitive activities

synonym :

campus-wide, domestic

(1) **intramural** sports, (2) **intramural** tournament

Intramural debates are held yearly as part of the school's academic festival.

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

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| 1. co_____te closely with the quality | <i>v.</i> to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another |
| 2. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. lif_____ng device | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning |
| 4. int_____al tournament | <i>adj.</i> occurring within or involving the boundaries of a single institution or organization, particularly a school or university, often used for sports or other competitive activities |
| 5. en_____p the whole world | <i>v.</i> to surround and cover completely; to encase |
| 6. do_____ll tournament | <i>n.</i> a game in which two teams throw balls at each other to hit opponents and eliminate them from the game while avoiding being hit themselves |
| 7. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 8. ant_____al personality disorder | <i>adj.</i> not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards |
| 9. give sm_____ng results | <i>adj.</i> very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed |

ANSWERS: 1. correlate, 2. opportune, 3. lifesaving, 4. intramural, 5. envelop, 6. dodgeball, 7. posit, 8. antisocial, 9. smashing

10. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
11. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
12. live in af____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
13. gl___y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
14. ba____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
15. do_____ll team *n.* a game in which two teams throw balls at each other to hit opponents and eliminate them from the game while avoiding being hit themselves
16. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
17. pi___a party *n.* a decorated container, often made of papier-mache, filled with candies, small toys, or other treats, typically hung up at parties or celebrations and broken open by blindfolded participants using a stick
18. ex___t information *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

ANSWERS: 10. comp, 11. niece, 12. affluent, 13. glossy, 14. bathtub, 15. dodgeball, 16. posit, 17. pinata, 18. extort

19. gold ea____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
20. ex____t a confession *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
21. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
23. int_____al sports *adj.* occurring within or involving the boundaries of a single institution or organization, particularly a school or university, often used for sports or other competitive activities
24. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
25. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
26. ant_____al tendencies *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
27. colorful pi____a *n.* a decorated container, often made of papier-mache, filled with candies, small toys, or other treats, typically hung up at parties or celebrations and broken open by blindfolded participants using a stick

ANSWERS: 19. earring, 20. extort, 21. opportune, 22. sip, 23. intramural, 24. niece, 25. affluent, 26. antisocial, 27. pinata

28. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
29. gl___y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
30. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
31. ba____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
32. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
33. co____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
34. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
35. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
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ANSWERS: 28. sip, 29. glossy, 30. envelop, 31. bathtub, 32. resonate, 33. correlate, 34. comp, 35. infiltrate, 36. infiltrate

37. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
38. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
39. diamond ea_____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
40. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 37. lifesaving, 38. smashing, 39. earring, 40. resonate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She bought a beautiful pair of pearl _____ for her sister's wedding.
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2. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
3. The criminals tried to _____ money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.
v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
4. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
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