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Session 1: Word List

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym : dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym : enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym : dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

extraterrestrial

adj. relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

synonym : alien, outer, otherworldly

(1) **extraterrestrial** planet, (2) **extraterrestrial** intelligence
Scientists are constantly searching for signs of **extraterrestrial** life in the universe.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym: loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym: brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

druid

n. a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

synonym : pagan, shaman, spiritualist

(1) **druid** ritual, (2) **druid** priestess

The ancient **druids** believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

streamline

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

synonym : simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym : ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non-**synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym: misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

playful

adj. having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play

synonym: mischievous, frisky, sportful

(1) **playful** puppy, (2) **playful** children

The children couldn't contain their **playful** excitement at seeing the new playground.

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.

tripod

n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

synonym: three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

citrus

n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits

synonym: orange, lemon, lime

(1) **citrus** trees, (2) **citrus** scent

Citrus fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.

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**.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

ox

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body

synonym : cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

inducement

n. something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive

synonym : incentive, motivation, persuasion

(1) financial **inducement**, (2) criminal **inducement**

The company offered a lucrative **inducement** to attract new employees.

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.

attache

n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

synonym : diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pl____l children *adj.* having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play
2. tr____d mic stand *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
3. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
4. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
5. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
6. re_____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
7. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
8. str_____ne administrative activities *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
9. tr____d mount *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
10. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
11. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake

ANSWERS: 1. playful, 2. tripod, 3. smartphone, 4. synonymous, 5. avid, 6. revolve, 7. lax, 8. streamline, 9. tripod, 10. pervasive, 11. serpent

12. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
13. black at____e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
14. criminal ind_____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
15. fu_____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
16. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
17. a mi_____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
18. 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
19. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
20. a commercial at____e *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

ANSWERS: 12. lax, 13. attache, 14. inducement, 15. futurist, 16. avid, 17. misnomer, 18. intuition, 19. excavate, 20. attache

21. ex____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
22. seem somewhat ar____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
23. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
24. dr__d ritual *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
25. ar____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
26. reply in a sa___e voice *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
27. dr__d priestess *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
28. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
29. ci___s trees *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
30. ext_____ial planet *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

ANSWERS: 21. excavate, 22. archaic, 23. murky, 24. druid, 25. archaic, 26. savage, 27. druid, 28. gasp, 29. citrus, 30. extraterrestrial

31. pl_____l puppy *adj.* having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play
32. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
33. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
34. financial ind_____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
35. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
36. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
37. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
38. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
39. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
40. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
41. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

ANSWERS: 31. playful, 32. uncover, 33. revolve, 34. inducement, 35. ox, 36. astronaut, 37. uncover, 38. unpack, 39. smartphone, 40. pervasive, 41. redo

42. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
43. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
44. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
45. a mu__y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
46. r__o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
47. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
48. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
49. technical mi_____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
50. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
51. 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

ANSWERS: 42. gasp, 43. synonymous, 44. astronaut, 45. murky, 46. redo, 47. aft, 48. aft, 49. misnomer, 50. ox, 51. intuition

52. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
53. ext_____ial intelligence *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
54. sa____e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
55. ci____s scent *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
56. fu_____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
57. str_____ne workflow *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
58. un____k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

ANSWERS: 52. serpent, 53. extraterrestrial, 54. savage, 55. citrus, 56. futurist, 57. streamline, 58. unpack

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.
adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
2. She was an _____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.
adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
3. The photographer set up his camera on a _____ to take the shot.
n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
4. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
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v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
6. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
7. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
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: 1. lax, 2. avid, 3. tripod, 4. unpack, 5. redo, 6. serpent's, 7. intuitions

8. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
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v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
10. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
11. The government plans to _____ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.
v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
12. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
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13. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
v. to rotate around a central point
14. He deliberately read picture books in an _____ way to please the children.
adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
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ANSWERS: 8. aft, 9. excavated, 10. synonymous, 11. streamline, 12. futurist, 13. revolves, 14. archaic, 15. murky

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17. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
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21. The company offered a lucrative _____ to attract new employees.
n. something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
22. The animal was injured and became _____ attacking anyone who approached.
adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
23. Scientists are constantly searching for signs of _____ life in the universe.
adj. relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

ANSWERS: 16. misnomer, 17. uncovered, 18. smartphones, 19. astronaut, 20. attache, 21. inducement, 22. savage, 23. extraterrestrial

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adj. having a lighthearted, mischievous, or fun-loving nature; displaying a sense of enjoyment or amusement; characterized by a desire for entertainment or play

25. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

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

26. _____ fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.

n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits

27. The ancient _____ believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

n. a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

28. The sacrifice of an ___ was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body

29. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 24. playful, 25. pervasive, 26. Citrus, 27. druids, 28. ox, 29. gasped