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Session 1: Word List

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence
His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

phosphorescence

n. a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals

synonym: glow, luminescence, radiance

(1) **phosphorescence** glow, (2) ocean **phosphorescence**
The mesmerizing **phosphorescence** of the plankton in the water illuminated the beach.

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.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

cortical

adj. relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain

(1) **cortical** neurons, (2) **cortical** activity

The MRI showed activity in the **cortical** region of the patient's brain.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym : brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

asynchronous

adj. not happening at the same time or speed

synonym : non-synchronous, out of sync, not simultaneous

(1) **asynchronous** communication, (2) in **asynchronous** mode

The online course was designed for **asynchronous** learning, allowing students to complete assignments at their own pace.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

gallop

v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

synonym: canter, race, bound

(1) **gallop** a horse, (2) **gallop** off at top speed

The horse **galloped** across the field at a fast pace.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym: reconfigure, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

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.

slug

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

(1) lazy **slug**, (2) reduce **slug** damage

I spotted a giant **slug** in the rain garden.

Session 2: Spelling

1. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
2. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
3. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
4. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
5. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
6. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
7. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
8. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
9. ocean pho_____nce *n.* a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals

ANSWERS: 1. synchronize, 2. outperform, 3. intimacy, 4. slug, 5. rewire, 6. arouse, 7. contradictory, 8. intimacy, 9. phosphorescence

10. ga___p a horse *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
11. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
12. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
13. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
14. co_____al neurons *adj.* relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain
15. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
17. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
18. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
19. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
20. co_____al activity *adj.* relating to or located in the outer layer of an organ or body structure, particularly the cortex of the brain

ANSWERS: 10. gallop, 11. fraternity, 12. supple, 13. outperform, 14. cortical, 15. industrious, 16. fraternity, 17. unintended, 18. rewire, 19. supple, 20. cortical

21. reduce s__g damage *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
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33. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
34. ga___p off at top speed *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
35. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
36. pho_____nce glow *n.* a form of luminescence that continues to emit light after direct exposure to a light source has ended; a glowing or luminous quality, often associated with living organisms or minerals
37. asy_____ous communication *adj.* not happening at the same time or speed
38. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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