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Session 1: Word List

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym : helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it

difficult to steer.

fuselage

n. the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds

synonym: body, frame, chassis

(1) aluminum **fuselage**, (2) long **fuselage**

The airplane's **fuselage** was damaged in the emergency landing.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym: narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

commentator

n. a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics

synonym: announcer, analyst, presenter

(1) television **commentator**, (2) political **commentator**

The sports **commentator** provided detailed analysis throughout the game.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

toggle

n. a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly

synonym: switch, lever, button

(1) **toggle** condition, (2) **toggle** between two options

You need to use the **toggle** button to switch between the night and day modes on the app.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match
The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

unreal

adj. imaginary; not existing in fact

synonym : false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation
The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

kerosene

n. a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

synonym : fuel oil, lamp oil, coal oil

(1) **kerosene** stove, (2) burning **kerosene**
The lamp in the cabin burned **kerosene** for light.

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.

kite

n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) **kite** string, (2) a picture on a **kite**
Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

altimeter

n. a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure

synonym: elevation gauge, height meter, altitude indicator

(1) digital **altimeter**, (2) **altimeter** calibration

The **altimeter** on the plane measures the altitude above sea level.

audible

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

synonym: hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

chute

n. a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

synonym: slide, ramp

(1) garbage **chute**, (2) escape **chute**

The laundry **chute** in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem

afterward.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

sled

n. a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

synonym: sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

cactus

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

tandem

n. a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line,

with one behind the other

synonym: bicycle built for two, double, tandem bike

(1) **tandem** approach, (2) **tandem** skydiving

The **tandem** bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy together.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. the na____or of the TV program | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 2. to___e between two options | <i>n.</i> a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly |
| 3. television com_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics |
| 4. a mi___r collision | <i>n.</i> some point in the air; above ground level |
| 5. an ag___e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 6. aluminum fu_____ge | <i>n.</i> the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds |
| 7. ca___n of skyscrapers | <i>n.</i> a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river |
| 8. digital al_____er | <i>n.</i> a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure |
| 9. have an un___l feeling | <i>adj.</i> imaginary; not existing in fact |

ANSWERS: 1. narrator, 2. toggle, 3. commentator, 4. midair, 5. agile, 6. fuselage, 7. canyon, 8. altimeter, 9. unreal

10. garbage ch__e *n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner
11. political com_____or *n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
12. au_____e sound *adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
13. burning ke_____ne *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
14. al_____er calibration *n.* a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure
15. ke_____ne stove *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
16. a picture on a k__e *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
17. ta___m approach *n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other

ANSWERS: 10. chute, 11. commentator, 12. audible, 13. kerosene, 14. altimeter, 15. kerosene, 16. kite, 17. tandem

18. k__e string *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
19. ru___r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
20. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
21. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
22. s__d dog *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
23. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
24. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
25. ru___r movement *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
26. au_____e words *adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

ANSWERS: 18. kite, 19. rudder, 20. catapult, 21. catapult, 22. sled, 23. stabilize, 24. eject, 25. rudder, 26. audible

27. potted ca___s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
28. im_____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
29. small ca___s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
30. long fu_____ge *n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds
31. ta___m skydiving *n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other
32. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
33. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
34. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
35. the fl__e of a match *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 27. cactus, 28. improvise, 29. cactus, 30. fuselage, 31. tandem, 32. parachute, 33. canyon, 34. reinvent, 35. flare

36. to___e condition *n.* a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly
37. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
38. pull a s__d *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
39. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
40. escape ch__e *n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner
41. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
42. st___t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
43. st___t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

ANSWERS: 36. toggle, 37. reinvent, 38. sled, 39. instruct, 40. chute, 41. narrator, 42. strait, 43. strait

44. fl__e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
45. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
46. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
47. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
48. thrown out into mi___r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
49. un___l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
50. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
51. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
52. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
53. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
54. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
55. im_____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

ANSWERS: 44. flare, 45. steer, 46. afterward, 47. parachute, 48. midair, 49. unreal, 50. afterward, 51. stabilize, 52. eject, 53. agile, 54. instruct, 55. improvise

56. st__r a steady course

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 56. steer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You need to use the _____ button to switch between the night and day modes on the app.
 - n.* a switch, button, or lever that can be used to turn a device or feature on or off or to switch between different options or modes; (verb) to switch between two different states, options, or modes, often repeatedly

2. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
 - v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

3. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
 - adv.* after the time mentioned

4. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
 - n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

5. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
 - v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

6. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
 - adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

7. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
 - n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

8. The sports _____ provided detailed analysis throughout the game.
 - n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics

ANSWERS: 1. toggle, 2. flared, 3. afterward, 4. Canyon, 5. reinvent, 6. agile, 7. narrator, 8. commentator

9. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
10. An _____ sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.
adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
11. The small boat's _____ was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.
n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
12. We used a _____ to slide down the hill in the snow.
n. a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
13. Our immune system can _____ disease germs from the body.
v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
14. The lamp in the cabin burned _____ for light.
n. a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
15. The ship navigated through the _____ with great care.
n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
16. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 9. instructed, 10. audible, 11. rudder, 12. sled, 13. eject, 14. kerosene, 15. strait, 16. catapult

17. The hiker got pricked by a _____ needle while walking.
- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
18. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
- n.* some point in the air; above ground level
19. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
- v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
20. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.
- n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
21. Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with _____.
- n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
22. The _____ on the plane measures the altitude above sea level.
- n.* a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure
23. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
- v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
24. The _____ bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy together.
- n.* a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other

ANSWERS: 17. cactus, 18. midair, 19. stabilizes, 20. parachutes, 21. kites, 22. altimeter, 23. improvise, 24. tandem

25. The airplane's _____ was damaged in the emergency landing.

- n.* the main body of an aircraft, including the cockpit, passenger compartments, and cargo holds

26. The idea of winning the lottery seemed so _____ that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

- adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact

27. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

28. The laundry _____ in the apartment building allows residents to drop their dirty clothes into the laundry room easily.

- n.* a steep, narrow slide or passage, often used for moving objects or people quickly and safely from a higher to a lower level; a channel or pathway that guides the flow of material, usually in a controlled manner

ANSWERS: 25. fuselage, 26. unreal, 27. steer, 28. chute