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Session 1: Word List

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

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.

bumble

v. to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner

synonym : stumble, fumble, blunder

(1) **bumble** his way into a high-paying job, (2) **bumble** through his speeches

She tends to **bumble** through her work, making careless errors along the way.

irrespective

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

synonym : heedless, inattentive, regardless

(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will

Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.

gibberish

n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

synonym : nonsense, babble, drivel

(1) **gibberish** language, (2) meaningless **gibberish**

He spoke in **gibberish**, and no one could understand what he was trying to say.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym : sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road
They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

referee

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
synonym: judge, arbiter, umpire

(1) a fair **referee**, (2) assistant **referee**

The **referee** blew his whistle.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

posh

adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

synonym: elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss **enthusiastically**

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

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

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gingerbread

n. a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations

synonym: cookie, cake, pastry

(1) **gingerbread** house, (2) **gingerbread** latte

The children had fun making **gingerbread** cookies for the holidays.

mediator

n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

synonym: conciliator, arbitrator, interceder

(1) legal **mediator**, (2) **mediator** between two sides

The **mediator's** primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.

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.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

synonym : quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym : coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Wi_____ia article
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
2. re_____te data
v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
3. an ir___c turn of events
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
4. sh___r with delight
v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
5. ne___n cell body
n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
6. me_____or between two sides
n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
7. gin_____ad latte
n. a type of cake or cookie that is made with ginger, molasses, and other spices and is often decorated with icing or candy; architectural details or moldings that are reminiscent of gingerbread decorations

ANSWERS: 1. Wikipedia, 2. replicate, 3. ironic, 4. shiver, 5. neuron, 6. mediator, 7. gingerbread

8. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
9. chalk on a bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
10. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
11. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
12. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
13. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
14. p__h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
15. meaningless gi_____sh *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
16. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 8. stumble, 9. blackboard, 10. aft, 11. pave, 12. slum, 13. pave, 14. posh, 15. gibberish, 16. writ

17. bu___e his way into a high-paying job
v. to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner
18. gi_____sh language
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adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
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n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 17. bumble, 18. gibberish, 19. emergent, 20. synthesizer, 21. emergent, 22. gingerbread, 23. writ, 24. Arthurian, 25. bumble, 26. neuron

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44. a fair re_____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I _____ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.
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