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Session 1: Word List

parasol

n. a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain

synonym : umbrella, sunshade

(1) hand-held **parasol**, (2) decorative **parasol**

She shielded herself from the sun with a colorful **parasol** while lounging at the beach.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

grumbling

n. a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

synonym : complaining, murmuring, rumbling

(1) **grumbling** stomach, (2) **grumbling** customer

There was much **grumbling** amongst the employees about the new policies.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

planetarium

n. a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

(1) optical **planetarium** projector, (2) inflatable **planetarium**

The **planetarium's** digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision
The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

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.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym: agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

egocentric

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

synonym: self-centered, narcissistic, egotistical

(1) **egocentric** personality, (2) **egocentric** world view

His **egocentric** behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

habitual

adj. commonly used or repeated

synonym: chronic, frequent, accustomed

(1) **habitual** absence, (2) **habitual** overeating

Habitual smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

overrun

v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

synonym: invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym : hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

empath

n. a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

(1) **empath** skills, (2) **empath** in a corporate environment

Being an **empath** in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

jolly

adj. happy and lively

synonym: cheerful, happy, merry

(1) a **jolly** laugh, (2) **jolly** evening

He was in a **jolly** mood and sang a happy tune.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

yak

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym : molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

almanac

n. a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

synonym : annual, yearbook, chronicle

(1) **almanac** information, (2) planting **almanac**

I consult my astrological **almanac** every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

commandment

n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments;
an order or law given by authority

synonym: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment**
of God.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. domestic y_k | v. | to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool |
| 2. hand-held pa_____l | n. | a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain |
| 3. act of gen_____ty | n. | the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 4. French pa_____x | n. | a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 5. gr_____ng customer | n. | a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure |
| 6. full of em_____y | n. | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 7. br_____n students' knowledge | v. | to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal. |
| 8. com_____ate leave | adj. | feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others |

ANSWERS: 1. yak, 2. parasol, 3. generosity, 4. paradox, 5. grumbling, 6. empathy, 7. broaden, 8. compassionate

9. em___h skills *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
10. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
11. sit and y_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
12. ego_____ic world view *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
13. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
14. planting al_____c *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
15. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
16. optical pla_____um projector *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

ANSWERS: 9. empath, 10. distract, 11. yak, 12. egocentric, 13. nun, 14. almanac, 15. serpent, 16. planetarium

17. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
18. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
19. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
20. int_____le situation *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
21. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
22. ego_____ic personality *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
23. inflatable pla_____um *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
24. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
25. garden ov_____n with weeds *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

ANSWERS: 17. monk, 18. memorize, 19. memorize, 20. intolerable, 21. dissatisfy, 22. egocentric, 23. planetarium, 24. boycott, 25. overrun

26. br____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
27. Silicon Valley bil____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
28. human activities int____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
29. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
30. ch____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
31. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
32. a religious com____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
33. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
34. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
35. em____h in a corporate environment *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

ANSWERS: 26. broaden, 27. billionaire, 28. interconnect, 29. ache, 30. chariot, 31. lava, 32. commandment, 33. nun, 34. explode, 35. empath

36. violate a com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
37. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
38. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
39. origin of the co_____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
40. al_____c information *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
41. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
42. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
43. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
44. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
45. solve the ri_____e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 36. commandment, 37. interconnect, 38. delusion, 39. cosmos, 40. almanac, 41. delusion, 42. paradox, 43. disappoint, 44. distract, 45. riddle

46. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
47. exploration of co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
48. ov_____n an area *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
49. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
50. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
51. ch_____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
52. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
53. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
54. decorative pa_____l *n.* a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain
55. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
56. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 46. disappoint, 47. cosmos, 48. overrun, 49. enlightenment, 50. enlightened, 51. chariot, 52. ache, 53. enlightenment, 54. parasol, 55. monk, 56. lava

57. a jo__y laugh *adj.* happy and lively
58. the heat is int_____le *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
59. ha_____al overeating *adj.* commonly used or repeated
60. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
61. jo__y evening *adj.* happy and lively
62. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
63. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
64. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
65. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
66. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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68. gr_____ng stomach *n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
69. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 57. jolly, 58. intolerable, 59. habitual, 60. explode, 61. jolly, 62. serpent, 63. compassionate, 64. dissatisfy, 65. riddle, 66. empathy, 67. habitual, 68. grumbling, 69. generosity

70. oil bil_____re
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- n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
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ANSWERS: 70. billionaire, 71. enlightened, 72. boycott

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
2. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
3. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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ANSWERS: 8. delusion, 9. riddle, 10. compassionate, 11. planetarium's, 12. dissatisfy, 13. memorize, 14. jolly, 15. cosmos

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22. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

- n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 16. boycott, 17. enlightened, 18. parasol, 19. distract, 20. disappoint, 21. yak, 22. billionaire

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ANSWERS: 23. chariot, 24. nun, 25. generosity, 26. paradox, 27. ache, 28. monk, 29. grumbling, 30. serpent's

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n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

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