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Session 1: Word List

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

cabin

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

synonym : hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

scenic

adj. relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features

synonym : picturesque, panoramic, beautiful

(1) **scenic** overlook, (2) **scenic** beauty

The Alps offer some of the most **scenic** views in the world, with their snow-capped peaks and lush valleys.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

yacht

n. a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

synonym : boat, vessel, ship

(1) **yacht** owner, (2) luxury **yacht**

We spent the weekend sailing our **yacht** around the Mediterranean.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genetic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

surf

- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

invention

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

coil

- v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: twist, wind, loop

(1) **coil** wire, (2) **coil** an arm

She carefully **coiled** the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

dismay

- n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

fashion

- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

motorcycle

n. a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

synonym: bike, motor

(1) **motorcycle** gangster, (2) electric **motorcycle**

He had his **motorcycle** license revoked for drunken driving.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym: emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

Session 2: Spelling

1. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
2. new fa_____n trends
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
3. ex_____ng football player
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
4. pa_____n hobby
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
5. mot_____le gangster
n. a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
6. common in_____on
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
7. co_____e augmented reality
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
8. ex_____e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
9. de_____t basin
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
10. sc_____c overlook
adj. relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features
11. log ca____n
n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

ANSWERS: 1. conversation, 2. fashion, 3. exciting, 4. passion, 5. motorcycle, 6. invention, 7. combine, 8. excite, 9. desert, 10. scenic, 11. cabin

12. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
13. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
14. ya__t owner *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
15. c__l an arm *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
16. feel di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
17. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
18. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
19. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
20. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
21. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 12. solar, 13. integrate, 14. yacht, 15. coil, 16. dismay, 17. fashion, 18. decide, 19. solar, 20. passion, 21. alternative

22. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
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27. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
28. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
29. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
30. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
31. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

ANSWERS: 22. amazing, 23. alternative, 24. coil, 25. dismay, 26. surf, 27. engineer, 28. exciting, 29. combine, 30. decide, 31. logo

41. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
42. electric mot_____le *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
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46. luxury ya__t *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
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ANSWERS: 41. integrate, 42. motorcycle, 43. amazing, 44. invention, 45. cabin, 46. yacht, 47. excite, 48. collaboration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
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n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

17. He had his _____ license revoked for drunken driving.

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