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Session 1: Word List

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

ampersand

n. the symbol "&" used to represent the word "and" in written text or as a visual abbreviation

synonym : and sign, logogram

(1) **ampersand** shape, (2) **ampersand** font

The company logo was designed with an **ampersand** symbol.

clown

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

synonym : jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

auspicious

adj. a situation or event that is marked by potential success, favorable circumstances, or good fortune; a period that

is believed to be a sign of favorable outcomes or prosperity

synonym: propitious, favorable, promising

(1) **auspicious** timing, (2) **auspicious** sign

The **auspicious** start to the new year brought hope for better times ahead.

narration

n. the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

synonym: story-telling, recital, account

(1) **narration** of events, (2) exaggerate in **narration**

His **narration** of the story was engaging and captivating.

gestalt

n. a whole or complete entity that is made up of individual parts or elements, where the whole has qualities or characteristics that are more than the sum of its parts, often used in psychology to refer to the idea of perceiving patterns or wholes rather than isolated elements

synonym: configuration, pattern, whole

(1) **gestalt** psychology, (2) **gestalt** therapy

The artist's painting captures the city's essence in a single **gestalt**.

snip

v. to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice

synonym: clip, trim, cut

(1) **snip** a lock of hair, (2) **snip** the wire

I must **snip** the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym : repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym : dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

splint

n. a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings

synonym : brace, support

(1) **splint** bandage, (2) arm **splint**

After my skiing accident, I had to wear a leg **splint** for several

weeks.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

hearty

adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

synonym : wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

guild

n. an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

synonym: association, union, society

(1) a purchase **guild**, (2) a **guild** system

The blacksmith was a local **guild** member and often participated in their events and workshops.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym: cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

parisian

adj. of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

(1) **Parisian** celebrity, (2) **parisian** accent

The **Parisian** café had a charming atmosphere.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

synonym : source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym : coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

thali

n. a large, round metal platter or tray used primarily in Indian cuisine, which holds several small bowls or dishes of different foods

synonym : platter, plate, tray

(1) **thalis** platter, (2) vegetarian **thali**

The traditional Indian **thali** consists of various dishes served on a large plate.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

Session 2: Spelling

1. aus_____us timing *adj.* a situation or event that is marked by potential success, favorable circumstances, or good fortune; a period that is believed to be a sign of favorable outcomes or prosperity
2. flexible pl_____d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
3. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
4. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
5. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
6. aus_____us sign *adj.* a situation or event that is marked by potential success, favorable circumstances, or good fortune; a period that is believed to be a sign of favorable outcomes or prosperity
7. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 1. auspicious, 2. plywood, 3. broth, 4. bud, 5. quote, 6. auspicious, 7. confer

8. m__e inspiration *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
9. pa____an accent *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
10. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
11. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
12. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
13. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
14. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
15. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
16. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
17. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 8. muse, 9. parisian, 10. grandparent, 11. hands-on, 12. reinterpretation, 13. reinterpretation, 14. obsess, 15. mold, 16. parable, 17. consciously

18. he___y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
19. s__p a lock of hair *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
20. am_____nd font *n.* the symbol "&" used to represent the word "and" in written text or as a visual abbreviation
21. he___y laughter *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
22. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
23. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
24. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
25. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
26. it_____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

ANSWERS: 18. hearty, 19. snip, 20. ampersand, 21. hearty, 22. quote, 23. sunrise, 24. grandparent, 25. caste, 26. iterate

27. act as a cl__n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
28. pl____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
29. tu___e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
30. ge____t therapy *n.* a whole or complete entity that is made up of individual parts or elements, where the whole has qualities or characteristics that are more than the sum of its parts, often used in psychology to refer to the idea of perceiving patterns or wholes rather than isolated elements
31. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
32. th__is platter *n.* a large, round metal platter or tray used primarily in Indian cuisine, which holds several small bowls or dishes of different foods
33. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 27. clown, 28. plywood, 29. tumble, 30. gestalt, 31. broth, 32. thali, 33. pivot

34. a purchase gu__d *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
35. ge____t psychology *n.* a whole or complete entity that is made up of individual parts or elements, where the whole has qualities or characteristics that are more than the sum of its parts, often used in psychology to refer to the idea of perceiving patterns or wholes rather than isolated elements
36. a gu__d system *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
37. ha____on activity *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
38. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
39. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 34. guild, 35. gestalt, 36. guild, 37. hands-on, 38. mold, 39. obsess

40. na_____on of events *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
41. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
42. arm sp____t *n.* a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings
43. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
44. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
45. s__p the wire *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
46. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
47. am_____nd shape *n.* the symbol "&" used to represent the word "and" in written text or as a visual abbreviation
48. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
49. confidence tu___es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 40. narration, 41. vernacular, 42. splint, 43. diaspora, 44. pivot, 45. snip, 46. consciously, 47. ampersand, 48. caste, 49. tumble

50. vegetarian th__i *n.* a large, round metal platter or tray used primarily in Indian cuisine, which holds several small bowls or dishes of different foods
51. creative m__e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
52. pa____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
53. high-technology su____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
54. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
55. native ver____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
56. it____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
57. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 50. thali, 51. muse, 52. parable, 53. sunrise, 54. glaze, 55. vernacular, 56. iterate, 57. glaze

58. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
59. di____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
60. scenic wa_____ll *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
61. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
62. a cl__n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
63. sp____t bandage *n.* a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings
64. Pa_____an celebrity *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
65. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
66. exaggerate in na_____on *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

ANSWERS: 58. bud, 59. diaspora, 60. waterfall, 61. waterfall, 62. clown, 63. splint, 64. parisian, 65. confer, 66. narration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.
 - v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

2. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.
 - v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

3. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
 - n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

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6. The value of the currency _____ against major international currencies.
 - v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 1. iterate, 2. glaze, 3. caste, 4. quoted, 5. clown, 6. tumbled

7. The blacksmith was a local _____ member and often participated in their events and workshops.
- n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
8. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
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ANSWERS: 7. guild, 8. plywood, 9. narration, 10. pivot, 11. snip, 12. mold, 13. thali

14. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
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21. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 14. sunrise, 15. grandparents, 16. ampersand, 17. hands-on, 18. obsessed, 19. reinterpretation, 20. auspicious, 21. parables

22. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
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23. The _____ soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.
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25. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
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26. After my skiing accident, I had to wear a leg _____ for several weeks.
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ANSWERS: 22. broth, 23. hearty, 24. confer, 25. vernacular, 26. splint, 27. waterfall,

28. muse, 29. gestalt

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n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

31. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

32. The _____ café had a charming atmosphere.

adj. of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

33. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 30. bud, 31. consciously, 32. Parisian, 33. diaspora