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Session 1: Word List

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym: slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the

U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

ruminate

v. to think deeply about something; to ponder

synonym : ponder, meditate, contemplate

(1) **ruminate** about the past, (2) **ruminate** over a problem

After a long work day, she likes to **ruminate** on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

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.

tavern

n. a public place where alcoholic drinks are served

synonym : bar, pub, saloon

(1) drink in a **tavern**, (2) traditional **taverns**

The **tavern** keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym: shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

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.

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**.

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.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym: spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the

20th century.

navel

n. the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something

synonym: belly button, umbilicus, center

(1) **navel** string, (2) gaze at my **navel**

I have a piercing in my **navel**, which I got in college.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

authorship

n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

synonym: writing, composing, penning

(1) **authorship** of the document, (2) a book of doubtful **authorship**

He took credit for the book's **authorship**, but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

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.

purposive

adj. done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate

synonym : purposeful, intentional, goal-oriented

(1) **purposive** behavior, (2) **purposive** action

The **purposive** use of color and lighting created a vibrant and engaging atmosphere in the gallery.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

bloodstream

n. the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain

Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

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.

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.

mola

n. a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance

synonym : sunfishheadfish

(1) **mola** fish, (2) **mola** behavior

The marine biologist studied a rare species of **mola** in its natural habitat.

ascot

n. a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack

synonym : cravat, neckcloth, necktie

(1) **ascot** fashion, (2) **ascot** dress code

He looked dashing in his suit and **ascot** tie at the wedding.

bursty

adj. characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy

synonym : intermittent, sporadic, surging

(1) **bursty** traffic, (2) **bursty** behavior

The **bursty** internet connection made it easier to stream videos with interruptions.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym : liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

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.

fiat

n. a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

synonym: decree, order, command

(1) **fiat** currency, (2) **fiat** agreement

The car manufacturer announced a new **fiat** model that will be released next year.

mover

n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

synonym: removalist, proposer

(1) market **mover**, (2) the **movers** and shakers

The professional **mover** helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. issue a w__t | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 2. mis_____ion of expenses | <i>n.</i> a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result |
| 3. the ze_____st of the era | <i>n.</i> the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era |
| 4. go through a mir_____us change | <i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected |
| 5. bu___y traffic | <i>adj.</i> characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy |
| 6. be_____le through talk | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect |
| 7. m__a behavior | <i>n.</i> a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance |
| 8. blo_____am in an artery | <i>n.</i> the blood flowing through the body |
| 9. a few years af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 10. f__t currency | <i>n.</i> a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict |

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. miscalculation, 3. zeitgeist, 4. miraculous, 5. bursty, 6. belittle, 7. mola, 8. bloodstream, 9. afterward, 10. fiat

11. sy____le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
12. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
13. co____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
14. br____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
15. traditional ta____ns *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
16. 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
17. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
18. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
19. drink in a ta____n *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
20. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 11. syllable, 12. miscalculation, 13. conjure, 14. broaden, 15. tavern, 16. quote, 17. numb, 18. afterward, 19. tavern, 20. stimming

21. br____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
22. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
23. em____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
24. aut____ip of the document *n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
25. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
26. m__a fish *n.* a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance
27. dec____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
28. pe____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
29. symbiotic fu____s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 21. broaden, 22. physicist, 23. emergent, 24. authorship, 25. ache, 26. mola, 27. decentralize, 28. pentagon, 29. fungus

30. dec_____ize organizational structure
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
31. pl__e of smoke
n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
32. self-ema_____ion
n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
33. pu_____ve behavior
adj. done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate
34. ca_____e on the battlefield
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
35. a book of doubtful aut_____ip
n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
36. pl__e of feathers
n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
37. blo_____am to the brain
n. the blood flowing through the body
38. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
39. fu___s infection
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 30. decentralize, 31. plume, 32. emancipation, 33. purposive, 34. carnage, 35. authorship, 36. plume, 37. bloodstream, 38. reinvent, 39. fungus

40. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
41. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
42. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
43. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
44. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
45. bu____y behavior *adj.* characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy
46. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
47. ru_____te about the past *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
48. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
49. 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

ANSWERS: 40. emancipation, 41. meme, 42. physicist, 43. conjure, 44. reinvent, 45. bursty, 46. electrify, 47. ruminate, 48. rebellion, 49. ache

50. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
51. pu_____ve action *adj.* done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate
52. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
53. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
54. gaze at my na__l *n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
55. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
56. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
57. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
58. be_____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
59. coal bu___r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

ANSWERS: 50. confer, 51. purposive, 52. pentagon, 53. miraculous, 54. navel, 55. electrify, 56. writ, 57. suppl, 58. belittle, 59. bunker

60. market mo__r *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
61. 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
62. na__l string *n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
63. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
64. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
65. ru_____te over a problem *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
66. as__t fashion *n.* a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack

ANSWERS: 60. mover, 61. quote, 62. navel, 63. meme, 64. supple, 65. ruminare, 66. ascot

67. f__t agreement *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
68. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
69. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
70. brutal ca_____e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
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72. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
73. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
74. the mo__rs and shakers *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

ANSWERS: 67. fiat, 68. emergent, 69. stimming, 70. carnage, 71. zeitgeist, 72. syllable, 73. rebellion, 74. mover

75. as__t dress code *n.* a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack
76. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
77. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
78. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 75. ascot, 76. bunker, 77. confer, 78. numb

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After a long work day, she likes to _____ on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.
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n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
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n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

ANSWERS: 1. ruminates, 2. emancipation, 3. navel, 4. fiat, 5. rebellion, 6. meme, 7. carnage,

8. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

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ANSWERS: 8. plume, 9. electrify, 10. afterward, 11. quoted, 12. writ, 13. purposive,

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16. The _____ keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

n. a public place where alcoholic drinks are served

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ANSWERS: 24. confer, 25. bunker, 26. pentagon, 27. decentralize, 28. supple, 29. mola, 30. belittled

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38. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 31. conjured, 32. broadened, 33. ascot, 34. ache, 35. authorship, 36.

numb, 37. stimming, 38. fungus

39. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the _____.

n. the blood flowing through the body

ANSWERS: 39. bloodstream