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Session 1: Word List

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

farce

n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

synonym: comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

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**.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

pathfinder

n. a person or thing that leads the way or explores new territory; someone who finds or discovers a new route or method; a person or vehicle used to navigate or explore unfamiliar or dangerous areas

synonym: trailblazer, pioneer, explorer

(1) adventurous **pathfinder**, (2) a **pathfinder** in the tech industry

The company's new **pathfinder** project explores new ways to use renewable energy.

impenetrable

adj. not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

synonym: impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog

The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

maze

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym : labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

gusty

adj. characterized by strong, swirling winds; marked by sudden bursts or outbursts of emotion, energy, or activity

synonym : blustery, windy, breezy

(1) **gusty** conditions, (2) **gusty** weather

The **gusty** winds knocked down several trees and caused power outages.

caravan

n. a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping

synonym : convoy, train, procession

(1) **caravan** park, (2) solar **caravan**

We traveled across the country in a **caravan** of RVs and campers.

undressed

adj. not wearing clothing; naked or partially clothed; not having any dressing or sauce added to a salad

synonym : nude, naked, unclothed

(1) **undressed** salad, (2) **undressed** skin

The doctor instructed the patient to stay **undressed** before the physical examination.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca____n park *n.* a group of travelers journeying together, often in a convoy of motor vehicles; a covered wagon used for traveling and camping
2. a pat_____er in the tech industry *n.* a person or thing that leads the way or explores new territory; someone who finds or discovers a new route or method; a person or vehicle used to navigate or explore unfamiliar or dangerous areas
3. chronic sleep dep_____on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
4. 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
5. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
6. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
7. gu__y conditions *adj.* characterized by strong, swirling winds; marked by sudden bursts or outbursts of emotion, energy, or activity

ANSWERS: 1. caravan, 2. pathfinder, 3. deprivation, 4. meme, 5. astonishing, 6. deprivation, 7. gusty

8. 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
9. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
10. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
11. labyrinth m__e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
12. imp_____ble fortress *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
13. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
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15. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
16. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 8. meme, 9. provoke, 10. narrator, 11. maze, 12. impenetrable, 13. slogan, 14. gusty, 15. rhythmic, 16. tempt

17. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
18. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
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25. un_____ed skin *adj.* not wearing clothing; naked or partially clothed; not having any dressing or sauce added to a salad
26. sports fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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