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Session 1: Word List

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**
The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

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.

averse

adj. feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

synonym : reluctant, disinclined, unwilling

(1) **averse** to change, (2) **averse** to risk

I am **averse** to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

benevolence

n. the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

synonym : altruism, generosity, philanthropy

(1) display **benevolence**, (2) render **benevolence** to people

They have both virtue and **benevolence**.

reformer

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

synonym : inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently

updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

mashup

n. a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

synonym : mixture, blend, combination

(1) music **mashup**, (2) art **mashup**

The DJ created an amazing **mashup** of popular songs at the party.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

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.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym : rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

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.

stamina

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

synonym: endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

fad

n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

synonym: craze, mania, trend

(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**

His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.

philanthropic

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

synonym: charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

gong

n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

synonym: bell, chime, clang

(1) **gong** sound, (2) temple **gong**

As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the **gong** filled the dojo.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym: indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement
The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points
The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

convergent

adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

synonym: merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking
The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym: dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

Session 2: Spelling

1. art ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
2. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
3. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
4. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
5. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
6. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
7. investment ba___r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
8. financial ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
9. music ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

ANSWERS: 1. mashup, 2. Wikipedia, 3. converge, 4. catastrophe, 5. innovate, 6. innovate, 7. banker, 8. acumen, 9. mashup

10. phi_____pic donation *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
11. con_____nt thinking *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
12. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
13. reo_____ze his debts *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
14. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
16. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
17. write in rh___e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
18. con_____nt beam *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
19. actions that si_____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

ANSWERS: 10. philanthropic, 11. convergent, 12. nephew, 13. reorganize, 14. industrious, 15. grandchild, 16. pandemic, 17. rhyme, 18. convergent, 19. signify

20. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
21. education re____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
22. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
23. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
24. un__t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
25. my____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
26. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
27. phi_____pic mission *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
28. display ben_____ce *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
29. re____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
30. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

ANSWERS: 20. niece, 21. reformer, 22. fad, 23. chronicle, 24. unrest, 25. mystical, 26. aspiration, 27. philanthropic, 28. benevolence, 29. reinvent, 30. niece

31. the ze_____st of the era *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
32. cultural ze_____st *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
33. st_____a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
34. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
35. av___e to change *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
36. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
37. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
38. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
39. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
40. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 31. zeitgeist, 32. zeitgeist, 33. stamina, 34. empower, 35. averse, 36. aspiration, 37. grandchild, 38. unrest, 39. empower, 40. reinvent

41. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
42. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
43. catalytic re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
44. temple g__g *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
45. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
46. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
47. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
48. reo_____ze a department *v.* to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization
49. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
50. si_____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

ANSWERS: 41. banker, 42. mystical, 43. reformer, 44. gong, 45. exaggeration, 46. exaggeration, 47. pandemic, 48. reorganize, 49. catastrophe, 50. signify

51. lose st____a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
52. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
53. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
54. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
55. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
56. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
57. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
58. render ben_____ce to people *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
59. g__g sound *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

ANSWERS: 51. stamina, 52. chronicle, 53. rhyme, 54. propel, 55. fad, 56. nephew, 57. industrious, 58. benevolence, 59. gong

60. av___e to risk *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
61. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
62. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
63. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
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66. critical ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
67. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
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ANSWERS: 60. averse, 61. Wikipedia, 62. philanthropy, 63. astonishing, 64. converge, 65. propel, 66. acumen, 67. philanthropy, 68. astonishing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is regarded as a passionate social _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. averse, 9. reorganize, 10. niece, 11. innovate, 12. Bankers, 13. mashup, 14. converge, 15. industrious

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ANSWERS: 24. zeitgeist, 25. signify, 26. rhyme, 27. philanthropic, 28. benevolence, 29. propel, 30. mystical

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ANSWERS: 31. gong, 32. reinvent, 33. aspiration, 34. convergent