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Session 1: Word List

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

unshakeable

adj. not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

synonym: unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust
His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

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.

overconsumption

n. the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable

(1) age of **overconsumption**, (2) **overconsumption** of alcohol

Overconsumption of sugar can contribute to obesity.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym: toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

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**.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

synonym : brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

denim

n. a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

synonym : jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym: stitch, joint, wrinkle

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

insatiable

adj. impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

synonym: voracious, unquenchable, insistent

(1) **insatiable** curiosity, (2) **insatiable** appetite

His **insatiable** hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pai_____sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
2. ch__k my job *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
3. de__m shorts *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
4. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
5. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
6. uns_____le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
7. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
8. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
9. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 1. paintbrush, 2. chuck, 3. denim, 4. seam, 5. seam, 6. unshakeable, 7. secondhand, 8. embody, 9. mindset

10. age of ove_____ion *n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
11. ins_____le appetite *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
12. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
14. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
16. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
17. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
18. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. pai_____sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

ANSWERS: 10. overconsumption, 11. insatiable, 12. opportune, 13. chuck, 14. industrious, 15. jean, 16. numb, 17. embody, 18. opportune, 19. paintbrush

20. en____t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
21. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
22. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
23. ove_____ion of alcohol *n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
24. denim tr____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
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26. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
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28. ins_____le curiosity *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
29. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 20. entrust, 21. mindset, 22. jean, 23. overconsumption, 24. trousers, 25. trousers, 26. passe, 27. industrious, 28. insatiable, 29. sew

30. en____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
31. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
32. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
33. uns_____le trust *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
34. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
35. de__m jacket *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
36. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
37. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
38. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

ANSWERS: 30. entrust, 31. sew, 32. numb, 33. unshakeable, 34. longevity, 35. denim, 36. longevity, 37. passe, 38. secondhand

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ of sugar can contribute to obesity.
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ANSWERS: 1. Overconsumption, 2. jeans, 3. trousers, 4. seam, 5. numb, 6. entrusted, 7. passe

8. My mother taught me how to ____.
- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
9. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
- adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
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- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
13. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.
- v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
14. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
15. His _____ hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.
- adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

ANSWERS: 8. sew, 9. opportune, 10. secondhand, 11. industrious, 12. embody, 13. chuck, 14. mindset, 15. insatiable

16. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

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17. She used a flat _____ to apply the final touches to the artwork.

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18. She loved the feel of her new _____ jeans against her skin.

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ANSWERS: 16. longevity, 17. paintbrush, 18. denim, 19. unshakeable