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Session 1: Word List

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

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.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym : titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

doubly

adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

synonym : twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective

The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting because of her injury.

corrugated

adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

synonym : ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

bungalow

n. a small, single-story house, often with a front porch or veranda that is typically made of wood or adobe; a type of dwelling that is popular in warm climates, particularly in locations near water

synonym : cottage, cabin, villa

(1) beach **bungalow**, (2) wooden **bungalow**

The cozy **bungalow** nestled in the forest was the perfect weekend getaway.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

trepidation

n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

synonym : fear, anxiety, apprehension

(1) trembling with **trepidation**, (2) sense of **trepidation**
She felt **trepidation** as she approached the podium to give her speech.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays
synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

minimalist

adj. characterized by a design or style which uses only a few simple elements or features; using the smallest amount possible to achieve a desired effect

synonym: simple, basic, spare

(1) **minimalist** design, (2) **minimalist** lifestyle

She wore a **minimalist** outfit with a white shirt and black pants.

acreage

n. the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres

synonym: land area

(1) commercial **acreage**, (2) inherited **acreage**

The farmer-owned a massive **acreage** of land where he grew various crops.

resemblance

n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

synonym: closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was

astonishing.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

cleanser

n. a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face

synonym : cleaner, purifier, deodorant

(1) pore refining **cleanser**, (2) powder **cleanser**

I have sensitive skin and use a weakly acidic **cleanser**.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

teapot

n. a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal

synonym : kettle, pot, pitcher

(1) antique **teapot**, (2) porcelain **teapot**

The ceramic **teapot** shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.

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.

pedigree

n. the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals

synonym : lineage, ancestry, genealogy

(1) family **pedigree**, (2) **pedigree** chart

The dog's **pedigree** proved that it came from a long line of champion show dogs.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym : applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a tip of the b__k | <i>n.</i> the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird |
| 2. min_____st design | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a design or style which uses only a few simple elements or features; using the smallest amount possible to achieve a desired effect |
| 3. standing ov_____n | <i>n.</i> a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected |
| 4. an in_____re future | <i>adj.</i> not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety |
| 5. striking res_____ce | <i>n.</i> similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details |
| 6. sharp b__k | <i>n.</i> the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird |
| 7. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 8. cor_____ed metal roofing | <i>adj.</i> having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal |
| 9. dear ma__m | <i>n.</i> a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect |

ANSWERS: 1. beak, 2. minimalist, 3. ovation, 4. insecure, 5. resemblance, 6. beak, 7. opportune, 8. corrugated, 9. madam

10. gi___e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
11. powder cl_____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
12. pe_____ee chart *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
13. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
14. cor_____ed panel *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
15. antique te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
16. faint res_____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
17. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 10. giggle, 11. cleanser, 12. pedigree, 13. embarrass, 14. corrugated, 15. teapot, 16. resemblance, 17. excite, 18. chaotic

19. porcelain te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
20. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
21. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
22. trembling with tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
23. commercial ac_____e *n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
24. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
25. do___y effective *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
26. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 19. teapot, 20. astonishing, 21. preconceived, 22. trepidation, 23. acreage, 24. sect, 25. doubly, 26. defy

27. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
28. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
29. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
30. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
31. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
32. wooden bu____ow *n.* a small, single-story house, often with a front porch or veranda that is typically made of wood or adobe; a type of dwelling that is popular in warm climates, particularly in locations near water
33. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
34. sense of tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

ANSWERS: 27. sect, 28. hustle, 29. defy, 30. madam, 31. patron, 32. bungalow, 33. astonishing, 34. trepidation

35. hu___e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
36. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
37. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
38. a pre____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
39. pore refining cl____er *n.* a product that cleans or removes dirt or other substances, especially a liquid or cream for cleaning your face
40. spontaneous ov____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
41. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
42. min____st lifestyle *adj.* characterized by a design or style which uses only a few simple elements or features; using the smallest amount possible to achieve a desired effect
43. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. im____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

ANSWERS: 35. hustle, 36. wright, 37. chaotic, 38. preconceived, 39. cleanser, 40. ovation, 41. insecure, 42. minimalist, 43. opportune, 44. improvise

45. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
46. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
47. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
48. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
49. gi___e like a child *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
50. political pa___n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
51. beach bu_____ow *n.* a small, single-story house, often with a front porch or veranda that is typically made of wood or adobe; a type of dwelling that is popular in warm climates, particularly in locations near water
52. family pe_____ee *n.* the recorded ancestry or genealogical background of a person or animal; a list of ancestors, especially of purebred animals, that documents the genetic lineage of a particular animal or line of animals
53. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
54. do___y difficult *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

ANSWERS: 45. excite, 46. playwright, 47. wright, 48. embarrass, 49. giggle, 50. patron, 51. bungalow, 52. pedigree, 53. playwright, 54. doubly

55. im_____se a joke

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

56. inherited ac_____e

n. the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres

ANSWERS: 55. improvise, 56. acreage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.
adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
2. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
3. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
4. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.
n. a person who writes plays
5. When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to _____.
v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
6. The cozy _____ nestled in the forest was the perfect weekend getaway.
n. a small, single-story house, often with a front porch or veranda that is typically made of wood or adobe; a type of dwelling that is popular in warm climates, particularly in locations near water
7. The _____ between Anna and her mother was astonishing.
n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

ANSWERS: 1. corrugated, 2. Madam, 3. embarrass, 4. playwright's, 5. giggle, 6. bungalow, 7. resemblance

8. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
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