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Session 1: Word List

- flirt** *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
synonym : tease
(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl
My husband never **flirts** with other women.
- cranky** *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness
synonym : crabby, irritable, grumpy
(1) **cranky** mood, (2) **cranky** toddler
I feel **cranky** today; please forgive me if I seem irritable.
- preoccupied** *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
synonym : absorbed, engrossed, occupied
(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things
He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.
- pretension** *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

dandy

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

synonym: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

orchard

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

synonym: grove, plantation, fruit garden

(1) local apple **orchard**, (2) **orchard** tree

The farmer owns an **orchard** where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

gruff

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

synonym: abrupt, rough, curt

(1) **gruff** voice, (2) **gruff** attitude

The **gruff** police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

synonym: hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume

He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

hallelujah

n. an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship

synonym : praise, worship, exultation

(1) **hallelujah** chorus, (2) **hallelujah** moment

The choir ended the performance with a powerful **hallelujah**.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym : hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

psalm

n. a song or hymn of praise to God, used in the Christian and Jewish religions

synonym : hymn, song, chant

(1) **psalm** book, (2) a chanted **psalm**

He sang a **psalm** in church, praising the Lord.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. local apple or ____d | <i>n.</i> a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries |
| 2. former em____r | <i>n.</i> the male ruler of an empire |
| 3. pre____ed with other things | <i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy |
| 4. hal____ah moment | <i>n.</i> an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship |
| 5. an____m singer | <i>n.</i> a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause |
| 6. gr__f voice | <i>adj.</i> rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly |
| 7. fl__t like a schoolgirl | <i>v.</i> to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men |
| 8. ou____w racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime |
| 9. or____an arm | <i>n.</i> a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits |

ANSWERS: 1. orchard, 2. emperor, 3. preoccupied, 4. hallelujah, 5. anthem, 6. gruff, 7. flirt, 8. outlaw, 9. orangutan

10. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
11. gr__f attitude *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
12. cr____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
13. hal_____ah chorus *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
14. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
15. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
16. curb our cr____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
17. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
18. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily

ANSWERS: 10. chant, 11. gruff, 12. craving, 13. hallelujah, 14. pretension, 15. outlaw, 16. craving, 17. flirt, 18. whack

19. or____d tree *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
20. cr____y mood *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness
21. cyb____ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
22. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
23. baseless pre____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
24. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
25. wh__k him with a stick *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
26. female or____an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
27. pre____ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
28. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 19. orchard, 20. cranky, 21. cyberspace, 22. spit, 23. pretension, 24. emperor, 25. whack, 26. orangutan, 27. preoccupied, 28. deity

29. virtual cyb_____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
30. fine and da__y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
31. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
32. a chanted ps__m *n.* a song or hymn of praise to God, used in the Christian and Jewish religions
33. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
34. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
35. in a da__y manner *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
36. cr___y toddler *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness
37. a national an___m *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

ANSWERS: 29. cyberspace, 30. dandy, 31. inbox, 32. psalm, 33. chant, 34. deity, 35. dandy, 36. cranky, 37. anthem

38. ps__m book *n.* a song or hymn of praise to God, used in the Christian and Jewish religions
39. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
40. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

ANSWERS: 38. psalm, 39. spit, 40. inbox

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
2. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.
adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
3. He was a positive _____ and always dressed in the finest clothing.
n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
4. My husband never _____ with other women.
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5. The _____ police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.
adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
6. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
7. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
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ANSWERS: 1. spit, 2. preoccupied, 3. dandy, 4. flirts, 5. gruff, 6. anthem, 7. chant, 8. inbox

9. The choir ended the performance with a powerful _____.
- n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
10. He sang a _____ in church, praising the Lord.
- n.* a song or hymn of praise to God, used in the Christian and Jewish religions
11. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
12. I feel _____ today; please forgive me if I seem irritable.
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- v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
17. Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in _____ for their gain.
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ANSWERS: 9. hallelujah, 10. psalm, 11. Emperor, 12. cranky, 13. orangutan, 14. craving, 15. orchard, 16. whacked, 17. cyberspace

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ANSWERS: 18. outlaw, 19. deity, 20. pretensions