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Session 1: Word List

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

shanty

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

synonym: shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize** sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

dupe

v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

synonym: trick, deceive, fool

(1) **dupe** him into believing, (2) **dupe** the public

He tried to **dupe** me into buying a product that didn't work.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym: poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

decrepit

adj. weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

synonym : dilapidated, run-down, rickety

(1) **decrepit** building, (2) **decrepit** furniture

The **decrepit** old house was in desperate need of repair.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

fiddle

- v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

instruct

- v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

kiosk

- n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

synonym: booth, stand, counter

(1) outdoor **kiosk**, (2) information **kiosk**

I ordered some snacks at the **kiosk** before boarding my flight.

pronounce

- v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

socioeconomic

- adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym: social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

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.

irrespective

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

synonym : heedless, inattentive, regardless

(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will

Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym : educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

whiskey

n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

synonym : bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

insurgence

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

synonym : revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) violent **insurgence**, (2) quell **insurgence**

The government's decision sparked an **insurgence** among the citizens.

dogma

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

synonym : doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**

All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

pedagogy

n. the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession

synonym : teaching, instruction, education

(1) modern **pedagogy**, (2) student-centered **pedagogy**

The teacher's innovative **pedagogy** helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym : meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

indoctrinate

v. to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

synonym: brainwash, educate, instruct

(1) **indoctrinate** youth, (2) **indoctrinate** ideology

The government attempted to **indoctrinate** the population with its propaganda.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____e emotion
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
2. co_____te to the size
v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
3. wh_____y barrel
n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
4. makeshift sh_____y
n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
5. 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
6. digitally li_____te
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. connote, 2. correlate, 3. whiskey, 4. shanty, 5. sect, 6. literate, 7. sect

8. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
9. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
11. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
12. ind_____ate ideology *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
13. irr_____ive of age *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
14. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
15. violent ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
16. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
17. soc_____mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
18. bootleg wh_____y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

ANSWERS: 8. Arthurian, 9. determinant, 10. dropout, 11. pronounce, 12. indoctrinate, 13. irrespective, 14. dropout, 15. insurgence, 16. connote, 17. socioeconomic, 18. whiskey

19. ind_____ate youth *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
20. outdoor ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
21. gen_____ze sophisticatedly *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
22. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
23. de_____it furniture *adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down
24. irr_____ive of his will *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
25. li_____te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
26. student-centered pe_____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
27. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 19. indoctrinate, 20. kiosk, 21. generalize, 22. confer, 23. decrepit, 24. irrespective, 25. literate, 26. pedagogy, 27. instruct

37. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
38. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
39. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
40. information ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
41. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
42. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
43. de_____it building *adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down
44. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
45. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 37. confuse, 38. correlate, 39. slum, 40. kiosk, 41. doe, 42. boardroom, 43. decrepit, 44. Arthurian, 45. electrify

46. gen_____ze Kepler's first law *v.* to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
47. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
48. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
49. d__e him into believing *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
50. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
51. quell ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
52. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
53. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
54. d__e the public *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

ANSWERS: 46. generalize, 47. dogma, 48. poke, 49. dupe, 50. confuse, 51. insurgence, 52. poke, 53. counterintuitive, 54. dupe

55. modern pe____gy *n.* the method or art of teaching or instructing, especially as an academic subject or profession
56. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
57. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
58. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
59. sh___y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
60. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
61. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
62. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 55. pedagogy, 56. slum, 57. fiddle, 58. counterintuitive, 59. shanty, 60. instruct, 61. fiddle, 62. confer

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.
adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
2. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
3. I enjoy a glass of _____ on the rocks after a long day.
n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
4. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
5. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.
n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
6. The government's decision sparked an _____ among the citizens.
n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
7. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 1. underprivileged, 2. slums, 3. whiskey, 4. confused, 5. dogma, 6. insurgence, 7. connotes

8. Our company hires _____ of national origin.

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

9. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

10. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

11. The government attempted to _____ the population with its propaganda.

v. to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

12. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

13. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

14. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

15. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

ANSWERS: 8. irrespective, 9. confer, 10. electrify, 11. indoctrinate, 12. Arthurian, 13. determinant, 14. poked, 15. sect

16. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
17. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
18. The beach _____ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.
n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
19. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest
20. I ordered some snacks at the _____ before boarding my flight.
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v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
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v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
23. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

ANSWERS: 16. pronounce, 17. dropout, 18. shanty, 19. counterintuitive, 20. kiosk, 21. dupe, 22. correlate, 23. literate

24. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
26. The teacher's innovative _____ helped her students learn in fun and engaging way.
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- adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down
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29. The _____ conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.
- adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
30. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.
- v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 24. doe, 25. instructed, 26. pedagogy, 27. decrepit, 28. generalize, 29. socioeconomic, 30. fiddle

31. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

ANSWERS: 31. boardroom