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Session 1: Word List

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

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.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

balsam

n. a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation

synonym: resin, sap, gum

(1) healing **balsam**, (2) aromatic **balsam**

I applied a **balsam** ointment to my rash to soothe and heal it.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

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.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym: active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

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.

mutilate

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

synonym: maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body
It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg
Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

vanguard

n. the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

synonym: forefront, avant-garde, cutting edge

(1) intellectual **vanguard**, (2) artistic **vanguard**
The company is at the **vanguard** of technological innovation

in its industry.

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.

subtract

v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

synonym : deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total

I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

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.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

escalate

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

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.

shopkeeper

n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

synonym: merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

taper

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

synonym: decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down

Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile

production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

autobiographical

adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

synonym : self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

affluence

n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

synonym : wealth, prosperity, richness

(1) postwar **affluence**, (2) material **affluence**

She lived a life of **affluence**, with all the money and possessions she could ever want.

infuriate

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

synonym : enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

fishbowl

n. a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets

synonym: fish tank, aquarium

(1) **fishbowl** effect, (2) empty **fishbowl**

The goldfish in the **fishbowl** looked happy and healthy.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym: nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 2. am_____y the effect | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 3. a par_____al anecdote | <i>adj.</i> seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true |
| 4. aut_____cal memory | <i>adj.</i> relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative |
| 5. to es_____te | <i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 6. artistic va_____rd | <i>n.</i> the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative |
| 7. re_____nt our life | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 8. dis_____fy people with service | <i>v.</i> to fail to satisfy someone |
| 9. mu_____te a document | <i>v.</i> to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably |

ANSWERS: 1. inherit, 2. amplify, 3. paradoxical, 4. autobiographical, 5. escalate, 6. vanguard, 7. reinvent, 8. dissatisfy, 9. mutilate

10. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
11. my___c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
12. general sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
13. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
14. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
15. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
16. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
17. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
18. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
19. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 10. impoverished, 11. myopic, 12. shopkeeper, 13. amplify, 14. improvisation, 15. supple, 16. passe, 17. torch, 18. disappoint, 19. paradoxical

20. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
21. material af_____ce *n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
22. ta__r the medication slowly *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
23. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
24. su_____ct one from the total *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
25. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
26. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
27. ta__r the dose down *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
28. empty fi_____wl *n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets
29. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
30. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
31. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 20. resonate, 21. affluence, 22. taper, 23. jean, 24. subtract, 25. nag, 26. liberate, 27. taper, 28. fishbowl, 29. impoverished, 30. diligent, 31. passe

32. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
33. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
34. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
35. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
36. in_____te customers *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
37. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
38. aromatic ba___m *n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation
39. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
40. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
41. aut_____cal narrative *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
42. healing ba___m *n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation

ANSWERS: 32. industrialize, 33. disappoint, 34. dogma, 35. improvisation, 36. infuriate, 37. affluent, 38. balsam, 39. industrialize, 40. affluent, 41. autobiographical, 42. balsam

43. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
44. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
45. intellectual va_____rd *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
46. my____c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
47. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
48. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
49. pre_____ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
50. in_____te employees *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
51. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
52. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
53. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
54. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone

ANSWERS: 43. paralysis, 44. resonate, 45. vanguard, 46. myopic, 47. diligent, 48. paralysis, 49. preoccupied, 50. infuriate, 51. escalate, 52. shatter, 53. jean, 54. dissatisfy

55. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
56. mu_____te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
57. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
58. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
59. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
60. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
61. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
63. local sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
64. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
65. fi_____wl effect *n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets

ANSWERS: 55. shatter, 56. mutilate, 57. torch, 58. opportune, 59. nag, 60. explode, 61. opportune, 62. reinvent, 63. shopkeeper, 64. inherit, 65. fishbowl

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72. pre_____ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

ANSWERS: 66. affluence, 67. liberate, 68. dogma, 69. subtract, 70. supple, 71. explode, 72. preoccupied

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The elderly _____ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
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n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
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ANSWERS: 1. shopkeeper, 2. affluence, 3. mutilate, 4. supple, 5. resonates, 6. exploded, 7. reinvent, 8. torch

9. His rude behavior _____ many people at the party.
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15. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
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v. to break suddenly into many pieces

ANSWERS: 9. infuriated, 10. taper, 11. jeans, 12. subtract, 13. escalated, 14. vanguard, 15. inherited, 16. preoccupied, 17. shattered

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adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

35. The author wrote an _____ novel about growing up in a small town.

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ANSWERS: 34. diligent, 35. autobiographical, 36. amplify