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Session 1: Word List

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

elucidate

v. to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

synonym : clarify, explain, expound

(1) **elucidate** the entire incident, (2) **elucidate** phenomena

The teacher needed to **elucidate** the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

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**.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym : stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym : shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

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**.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

linoleum

n. a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings

synonym: flooring, vinyl, tile

(1) **linoleum** flooring, (2) **linoleum** installation

The kitchen floor was covered in **linoleum**, making it easy to clean.

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.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

quizzical

adj. expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism

synonym : puzzled, curious, questioning

(1) give a **quizzical** look, (2) **quizzical** smile

The doctor gave a **quizzical** expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.

shilling

n. a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

synonym : bob, coin, currency

(1) sixpence and a **shilling**, (2) ten **shillings**

I found an old **shilling** coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.

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.

commensurate

adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

synonym : proportional, equivalent, corresponding

(1) **commensurate** salary, (2) **commensurate** with the level of importance

A person's salary should be **commensurate** with their qualifications and experience.

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.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

frill

n. a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes

synonym : flounce, ruffle, embellishment

(1) decorative **frill**, (2) **frill** dress

The dress had a beautiful **frill** at the hem, adding a feminine touch to the overall design.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym : foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

confectionery

n. sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries

synonym : candy, sweets, treats

(1) **confectionery** shop, (2) sugar-free **confectionery**

The bakery specializes in a wide variety of delicious **confectionery** treats.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

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**.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym : keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

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.

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. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. ten sh_____ngs *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
3. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
4. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
5. decorative fr__l *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
6. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
7. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
8. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. shilling, 3. sew, 4. ironic, 5. frill, 6. repurpose, 7. froth, 8. hawk

9. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
10. li_____um flooring *n.* a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings
11. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
12. sugar-free con_____ery *n.* sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries
13. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
14. el_____te phenomena *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
15. makeshift sh____y *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
16. financial ac____n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

ANSWERS: 9. grapple, 10. linoleum, 11. prostitute, 12. confectionery, 13. prostitute, 14. elucidate, 15. shanty, 16. acumen

17. el_____te the entire incident *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
18. sixpence and a sh_____ng *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
19. com_____ate salary *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
20. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
21. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
22. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
23. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
24. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
25. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 17. elucidate, 18. shilling, 19. commensurate, 20. repurpose, 21. hawk, 22. riot, 23. ironic, 24. embarrass, 25. slum

26. 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
27. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
28. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
29. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
30. com_____ate with the level of importance *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
31. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
32. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
33. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
34. li_____um installation *n.* a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings

ANSWERS: 26. kiosk, 27. sew, 28. inauguration, 29. froth, 30. commensurate, 31. aspiration, 32. communion, 33. shack, 34. linoleum

35. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
36. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
37. con_____ery shop *n.* sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries
38. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
39. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
40. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
41. critical ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
42. vi_____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
43. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 35. secondhand, 36. inauguration, 37. confectionery, 38. cram, 39. shack, 40. riot, 41. acumen, 42. vitality, 43. insecure

44. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
45. sh___y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
46. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
47. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
48. qu_____al smile *adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism
49. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
50. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
51. give a qu_____al look *adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism
52. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 44. communion, 45. shanty, 46. secondhand, 47. aspiration, 48. quizzical, 49. slum, 50. insecure, 51. quizzical, 52. grapple

53. fr__l dress *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
54. 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
55. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
57. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
58. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy

ANSWERS: 53. frill, 54. kiosk, 55. opportune, 56. embarrass, 57. cram, 58. vitality

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The doctor gave a _____ expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.
adj. expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism

2. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

3. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

4. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

5. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
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ANSWERS: 1. quizzical, 2. prostitute, 3. repurposed, 4. grapple, 5. secondhand, 6. aspiration, 7. slums

8. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.
- v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
9. 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
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ANSWERS: 8. cram, 9. shanty, 10. acumen, 11. elucidate, 12. confectionery, 13. sew, 14. kiosk

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21. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 15. vitality, 16. embarrass, 17. commensurate, 18. shack, 19. hawk, 20. inauguration, 21. opportune, 22. insecure

23. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
- n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
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ANSWERS: 23. froth, 24. frill, 25. riots, 26. shilling, 27. linoleum, 28. communion, 29. ironic

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