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Session 1: Word List

impostor

n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

synonym: fraud, phony, charlatan

(1) **impostor** syndrome, (2) detect an **impostor**

The online marketplace warned customers to beware of **impostor** sellers trying to scam them.

toothpick

n. a small, pointed rod or stick used for removing food particles from between teeth; often made of wood or plastic

synonym: tooth cleaner, dental stick

(1) wooden **toothpick**, (2) **toothpick** holder

The restaurant provided disposable **toothpicks** for customers to use after their meals.

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

synonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

vend

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

synonym: sell, peddle, market

(1) **vend** souvenirs, (2) **vend** delicious meals

The local **vendor** was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

offstage

adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

synonym: backstage, behind the scenes, off-camera

(1) crack jokes **offstage** during the break, (2) quickly move the props **offstage**

The actors were waiting anxiously **offstage** for their cue to go on.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

bloop

v. to make a mistake; to produce a sound that is deep, resonant, and indistinct; (noun, of baseball) a hit that is weakly hit into the air over the infield and lands for a base hit, often in shallow outfield

synonym: fail, burble, splutter

(1) **bloop** a cheery melody, (2) **bloop** during her presentation

He **blooped** the final note of the piano concerto, causing some audience members to wince.

implode

v. to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely

synonym: collapse, crumble, disintegrate

(1) **implode** building, (2) **implode** business

The banking industry feared the economy would **implode** due to risky investments.

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.

oblige

v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

synonym: compel, require, force

(1) **oblige** him to reject, (2) **oblige** a request

As a citizen, we must **oblige** to the laws of the land.

egoist

n. a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority

synonym : narcissist, self-centered person

(1) **egoist** behavior, (2) arrogant **egoist**

Her **egoist** nature caused her to lose friends.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym : savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

radicalization

n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

synonym : extremism, fanaticism, militancy

(1) religious **radicalization**, (2) **radicalization** of society

There was concern about the **radicalization** of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.

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 **passe** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

Session 2: Spelling

1. religious rad_____ion
n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
2. wooden to_____ck
n. a small, pointed rod or stick used for removing food particles from between teeth; often made of wood or plastic
3. im_____e business
v. to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely
4. pa__e entertainment
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
5. pri_____al forms of life
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
6. ba_____ic act
adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
7. detect an im_____or
n. someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud
8. a_t view
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 1. radicalization, 2. toothpick, 3. implode, 4. passe, 5. primordial, 6. barbaric, 7. impostor, 8. aft

9. somatic nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
10. bl__p a cheery melody *v.* to make a mistake; to produce a sound that is deep, resonant, and indistinct; (noun, of baseball) a hit that is weakly hit into the air over the infield and lands for a base hit, often in shallow outfield
11. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
12. rad_____ion of society *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
13. v__d souvenirs *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
14. to_____ck holder *n.* a small, pointed rod or stick used for removing food particles from between teeth; often made of wood or plastic
15. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
16. quickly move the props of_____ge *adv.* in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators
17. im_____or syndrome *n.* someone who pretends to be someone or something else to deceive others; a fraud

ANSWERS: 9. narcissist, 10. bloop, 11. aft, 12. radicalization, 13. vend, 14. toothpick, 15. schizophrenia, 16. offstage, 17. impostor

18. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
19. power too_____sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
20. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
21. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
22. ob___e him to reject *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
23. v__d delicious meals *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
24. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
25. too_____sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
26. ob___e a request *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

ANSWERS: 18. passe, 19. toothbrush, 20. cynical, 21. barbaric, 22. oblige, 23. vend, 24. primordial, 25. toothbrush, 26. oblige

27. crack jokes of _____ge during the break *adv.* in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators
28. sch _____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
29. im _____e building *v.* to collapse inward violently or burst inward with a sudden release of energy; to disintegrate or break down suddenly and completely
30. arrogant eg _____t *n.* a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority
31. eg _____t behavior *n.* a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority
32. bl _____p during her presentation *v.* to make a mistake; to produce a sound that is deep, resonant, and indistinct; (noun, of baseball) a hit that is weakly hit into the air over the infield and lands for a base hit, often in shallow outfield
33. relationship with a nar _____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
34. ex _____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 27. offstage, 28. schizophrenia, 29. implode, 30. egoist, 31. egoist, 32. bloop, 33. narcissist, 34. explode

35. ex_____e in anger

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

36. cy_____l remarks

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 35. explode, 36. cynical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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- adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
14. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

ANSWERS: 8. oblige, 9. toothpicks, 10. schizophrenia, 11. implode, 12. vendor, 13. cynical, 14. narcissist

15. There was concern about the _____ of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.
- n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
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- n.* a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority
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18. He _____ the final note of the piano concerto, causing some audience members to wince.
- v.* to make a mistake; to produce a sound that is deep, resonant, and indistinct; (noun, of baseball) a hit that is weakly hit into the air over the infield and lands for a base hit, often in shallow outfield

ANSWERS: 15. radicalization, 16. egoist, 17. offstage, 18. blooped