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Session 1: Word List

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

brooch

n. a decorative jewelry item typically worn on clothing, consisting of a pin with a functional or ornamental clasp and a decorative piece or design attached to it

synonym : pin, clasp, ornament

(1) **brooch** pin, (2) antique **brooch**

She fastened the flower **brooch** to her dress for a touch of elegance.

detritus

n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

synonym : debris, waste, garbage

(1) **detritus** pile, (2) **detritus** removal

The beach was littered with **detritus** and trash left behind by careless visitors.

potluck

n. a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation

synonym: community meal, shared meal

(1) **potluck** dinner, (2) **potluck** party

Everyone brought a dish to share for the office **potluck**.

radiography

n. the use of X-rays or other imaging techniques to take pictures of the internal structures of the human body for medical diagnosis, evaluation, or research purposes

synonym: radiology, X-ray, imaging

(1) digital **radiography**, (2) dental **radiography**

She underwent **radiography** for her broken arm to determine the extent of the injury.

contraband

n. goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

synonym: illegal goods, smuggled goods, bootleg

(1) **contraband** goods, (2) **contraband** detection dog

The police discovered **contraband** in the back of the suspect's vehicle.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the

forest floor.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym : botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

piglet

n. a young or small pig

synonym : shoat, piggy, shote

(1) **piglet** racing, (2) hungry **piglet**

The farmer found a cute newborn **piglet** wandering in the field.

fused

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

synonym : merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

parka

n. a heavy, warm, and usually hooded coat or jacket typically worn in cold weather, often made of a weather-resistant fabric

synonym : jacket, coat, anorak

(1) hooded **parka**, (2) fur-lined **parka**

The heavy-duty **parka** was designed to withstand extreme weather conditions.

honeycomb

n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

synonym : hexagonal, beehive, lattice

(1) **honeycomb** lattice, (2) **honeycomb** pattern

The beehive was made of an intricate **honeycomb** pattern.

lily

n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

amaryllis

n. a bulbous flower, typically with large, showy blooms, belonging to the Amaryllidaceae family, commonly grown as an ornamental plant, especially during the winter holiday season

synonym : belladonna lily, hippeastrum, naked lady

(1) **amaryllis** bulb, (2) blooming **amaryllis**

The vibrant red color of the **amaryllis** brightened up the room.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

ebb

n. the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

synonym : regression, decline, (verb) decrease

(1) **ebb** and flow, (2) at a low **ebb**

The tide was at its **ebb**, revealing the sandy beach.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym : map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the local properties.

laborious

adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work

synonym : arduous, difficult, strenuous

(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project

The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

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.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym: frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

lorry

n. a large motor vehicle designed for transporting goods; also known as a truck in certain parts of the world

synonym: truck, hauler, transporter

(1) delivery **lorry**, (2) **lorry** accident

The **lorry** driver was stuck in traffic for hours.

scissor

v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

synonym: cut, clip, shear

(1) **scissor** paper, (2) kitchen **scissors**

I need to **scissor** my hair to even out the ends.

capillary

n. a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood

(1) a **capillary** tube, (2) **capillary** action

There are many **capillary** vessels in the gills of fish.

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. bu____ze a mound
v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
2. se____d broth
n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
3. the worst hum____de disaster
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
4. rich in nu____e
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
5. fu____e about in a bag
v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
6. ho____mb lattice
n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
7. an op____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. blooming am____is
n. a bulbous flower, typically with large, showy blooms, belonging to the Amaryllidaceae family, commonly grown as an ornamental plant, especially during the winter holiday season

ANSWERS: 1. bulldoze, 2. seaweed, 3. human-made, 4. nuance, 5. fumble, 6. honeycomb, 7. opportune, 8. amaryllis

9. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
10. at a low e_b *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
11. water l__y *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
12. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
13. de____us pile *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas
14. cr____e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
15. la____us project *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
16. antique br____h *n.* a decorative jewelry item typically worn on clothing, consisting of a pin with a functional or ornamental clasp and a decorative piece or design attached to it
17. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

ANSWERS: 9. moss, 10. ebb, 11. lily, 12. quitter, 13. detritus, 14. crease, 15. laborious, 16. brooch, 17. moss

18. ho_____mb pattern *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
19. br___h pin *n.* a decorative jewelry item typically worn on clothing, consisting of a pin with a functional or ornamental clasp and a decorative piece or design attached to it
20. con_____nd detection dog *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
21. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
22. fu___e a grounder *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
23. fur-lined pa__a *n.* a heavy, warm, and usually hooded coat or jacket typically worn in cold weather, often made of a weather-resistant fabric
24. lo__y accident *n.* a large motor vehicle designed for transporting goods; also known as a truck in certain parts of the world
25. bu_____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 18. honeycomb, 19. brooch, 20. contraband, 21. poisonous, 22. fumble, 23. parka, 24. lorry, 25. bulldoze

26. a former p__t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
27. deep cr___e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
28. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
29. hungry pi___t *n.* a young or small pig
30. pi___t racing *n.* a young or small pig
31. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
32. l__y perfume *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
33. digital rad_____hy *n.* the use of X-rays or other imaging techniques to take pictures of the internal structures of the human body for medical diagnosis, evaluation, or research purposes
34. 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

ANSWERS: 26. plat, 27. crease, 28. spook, 29. piglet, 30. piglet, 31. fused, 32. lily, 33. radiography, 34. connote

35. a ca_____ry tube *n.* a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
36. sc_____r paper *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
37. 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
38. delivery lo__y *n.* a large motor vehicle designed for transporting goods; also known as a truck in certain parts of the world
39. e_b and flow *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
40. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
41. po_____k dinner *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
42. con_____nd goods *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
43. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 35. capillary, 36. scissor, 37. connote, 38. lorry, 39. ebb, 40. spook, 41. potluck, 42. contraband, 43. human-made

44. ca_____ry action *n.* a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
45. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
46. de_____us removal *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas
47. dental rad_____hy *n.* the use of X-rays or other imaging techniques to take pictures of the internal structures of the human body for medical diagnosis, evaluation, or research purposes
48. po_____k party *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
49. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
50. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
51. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

ANSWERS: 44. capillary, 45. nuance, 46. detritus, 47. radiography, 48. potluck, 49. plat, 50. quitter, 51. seaweed

52. am_____is bulb *n.* a bulbous flower, typically with large, showy blooms, belonging to the Amaryllidaceae family, commonly grown as an ornamental plant, especially during the winter holiday season
53. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
54. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
55. kitchen sc_____rs *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
56. la_____us routine *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
57. hooded pa__a *n.* a heavy, warm, and usually hooded coat or jacket typically worn in cold weather, often made of a weather-resistant fabric
58. fu__d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
59. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 52. amaryllis, 53. peel, 54. poisonous, 55. scissor, 56. laborious, 57. parka, 58. fused, 59. peel

60. op_____ne occasion

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 60. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ my hair to even out the ends.
 - v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

2. The farmer found a cute newborn _____ wandering in the field.
 - n. a young or small pig

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ANSWERS: 1. scissor, 2. piglet, 3. connotes, 4. bulldozed, 5. amaryllis, 6. capillary, 7. plats

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ANSWERS: 15. potluck, 16. nuance, 17. opportune, 18. laborious, 19. human-made, 20. crease, 21. honeycomb

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ANSWERS: 22. ebb, 23. Moss, 24. fumbled, 25. radiography, 26. seaweed, 27. brooch, 28. peeled, 29. quitter

30. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.

- v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

ANSWERS: 30. spooked