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Session 1: Word List

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

headmaster

n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

synonym : principal, headmistress, director

(1) **headmaster** position, (2) former **headmaster**

The school's **headmaster** announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

pinstripe

n. a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits

synonym : stripe, line, band

(1) **pinstripe** suit, (2) **pinstripe** shirt

His suit was adorned with a subtle **pinstripe** pattern, adding a touch of elegance to his attire.

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique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.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym : squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

twofold

adj. consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree

synonym : doubled, dual, twinned

(1) **twofold** approach, (2) **twofold** difference

The **twofold** increase in sales was unexpected but welcomed by the company.

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.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace**

event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

pejorative

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

synonym : derogatory, insulting, disrespectful

(1) **pejorative** language, (2) **pejorative** term

The coach's **pejorative** comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

spew

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym : vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

piggyback

n. a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

(1) **piggyback** on her success, (2) **piggyback** equipment

The little girl wanted a **piggyback** ride on her father's shoulders.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in

stressful situations.

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.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

2. former hea_____er *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

3. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

4. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

5. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

6. mice sq___k *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

7. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 1. steppe, 2. headmaster, 3. envy, 4. spew, 5. counterintuitive, 6. squeak, 7. industrious

8. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
9. hea_____er position *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
10. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
11. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
12. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
13. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
14. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
15. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 8. baton, 9. headmaster, 10. counterintuitive, 11. envy, 12. crank, 13. passe, 14. passe, 15. retrospect

16. tw____d approach *adj.* consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree
17. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
18. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
19. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 16. twofold, 17. domino, 18. steppe, 19. opportune, 20. squeak, 21. spew, 22. twofold, 23. crank, 24. baton

25. pi_____pe shirt *n.* a thin, usually colored stripe or narrow line pattern, often found on fabric, clothing, or objects, commonly associated with formal wear, particularly suits
26. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
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ANSWERS: 25. pinstripe, 26. commonplace, 27. commonplace, 28. industrious, 29. piggyback, 30. pejorative, 31. retrospect, 32. piggyback

33. gadget te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
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40. sc_____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
41. renowned sc_____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

ANSWERS: 33. techie, 34. childlike, 35. domino, 36. opportune, 37. childlike, 38. pinstripe, 39. techie, 40. sculptor, 41. sculptor

42. pej_____ve term

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ANSWERS: 42. pejorative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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