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Session 1: Word List

lighthearted

adj. carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous

synonym : carefree, playful, jovial

(1) **lighthearted** banter, (2) **lighthearted** humor

The couple shared a **lighthearted** moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

bling

n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

synonym : jewelry, accessories, ornaments

(1) flashy **bling**, (2) **bling** jewelry

She loves to accessorize with lots of **bling**, but I prefer a different style.

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.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

superficial

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym : shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym: malfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

chunky

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

synonym: chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

snort

v. to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or

disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose

synonym : sniff, inhale, snuffle

(1) **snort** with laughter, (2) **snort** cocaine

The horse **snorted** as I approached it in the field.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

dutiful

adj. motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

synonym : obedient, compliant, responsible

(1) **dutiful** obedience, (2) **dutiful** employee

The secretary was appreciated for her **dutiful** service and organization in the office.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym : notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

stairwell

n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

(1) emergency **stairwell**, (2) open **stairwell**

Tom noticed them when he peered down the **stairwell**.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural

reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

hostage

n. a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

synonym: captive, prisoner, detainee

(1) political **hostage**, (2) **hostage** negotiations

The terrorists took several tourists as **hostages** in a bid to advance their demands.

gunfire

n. the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

synonym: gunshots, firing, shooting

(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**

The journalist heard the sound of **gunfire** while reporting in a war zone.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym: stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

foreshadow

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

synonym: predict, hint at, suggest

(1) **foreshadow** future events, (2) **foreshadow** the recession

The dark clouds **foreshadowed** a storm.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym: poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym: moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

ramification

n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

synonym : fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**

The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

admittedly

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

synonym : notably, honestly, truly

(1) **admittedly** true, (2) **admittedly** controversial

The book was **admittedly** difficult to follow but still worth reading.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

deterrent

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym : hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

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.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

entourage

n. a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

synonym : retinue

(1) presidential **entourage**, (2) member of his **entourage**

The politician and his **entourage** arrived half an hour late.

indenture

n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service

synonym : contract, covenant, agreement

(1) **indenture** agreement, (2) legal **indenture**

The legal contract included an **indenture** that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym : unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym : strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. lig_____ted banter *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
2. bl__g jewelry *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
3. a ch___y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
4. legal in_____re *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
5. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
6. for_____ow the recession *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
7. lig_____ted humor *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
8. du_____l obedience *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

ANSWERS: 1. lighthearted, 2. bling, 3. chunky, 4. indenture, 5. outsider, 6. foreshadow, 7. lighthearted, 8. dutiful

9. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
10. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
11. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
12. chant the ma____a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
13. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
15. ch____y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
16. perform the r__e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
17. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 9. malfunction, 10. glamorous, 11. lucrative, 12. mantra, 13. well-being, 14. prestige, 15. chunky, 16. rite, 17. petty

18. cunning tr____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
19. adm_____ly true *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
20. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
21. mo_____ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
22. cr____y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
23. sn__t cocaine *v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose
24. criminal de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
25. cr____y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
26. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. trickery, 19. admittedly, 20. well-being, 21. moonlight, 22. crappy, 23. snort, 24. deterrent, 25. crappy, 26. secondly

27. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
28. adm_____ly controversial *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
29. member of his en_____ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
30. ou_____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
31. alternative ta____c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
32. fo_____ow future events *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
33. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
34. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
35. du_____l employee *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
36. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 27. secondly, 28. admittedly, 29. entourage, 30. outsider, 31. tactic, 32. foreshadow, 33. indifferent, 34. sociologist, 35. dutiful, 36. petty

37. lethal gu____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
38. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
39. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
40. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
41. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
42. sn__t with laughter *v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose
43. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
44. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
45. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
46. cl_____rd with a pen *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

ANSWERS: 37. gunfire, 38. passe, 39. unequal, 40. rite, 41. lucrative, 42. snort, 43. greet, 44. nap, 45. wardrobe, 46. clipboard

47. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
48. nuclear de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
49. political ho_____e *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled
50. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
51. campaign ma____a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
52. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
53. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
54. burst of gu_____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
55. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 47. superficial, 48. deterrent, 49. hostage, 50. glamorous, 51. mantra, 52. sociologist, 53. moonlight, 54. gunfire, 55. greet

56. emergency st_____ll
n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
57. in_____re agreement
n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
58. co_____t in a jail
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
59. un_____l opportunity
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
60. minimalist wa_____be
n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
61. pr_____ge company
n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
62. sup_____al wound
adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
63. unf_____ed capitalism
adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
64. take a n_p
n. a short sleep, especially during the day

ANSWERS: 56. stairwell, 57. indenture, 58. convict, 59. unequal, 60. wardrobe, 61. prestige, 62. superficial, 63. unfettered, 64. nap

65. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
66. political ram_____ion *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
67. write on a cl_____rd *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
68. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
69. mal_____on alarm *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
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72. ram_____ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
73. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
74. flashy bl___g *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

ANSWERS: 65. tactic, 66. ramification, 67. clipboard, 68. confer, 69. malfunction, 70. indifferent, 71. convict, 72. ramification, 73. confer, 74. bling

75. open st_____ll *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
76. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
77. unf_____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
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79. ho_____e negotiations *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled
80. presidential en_____ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
81. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
82. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 75. stairwell, 76. opportune, 77. unfettered, 78. trickery, 79. hostage, 80. entourage, 81. passe, 82. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The couple shared a _____ moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.
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2. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
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3. The secretary was appreciated for her _____ service and organization in the office.
adj. motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
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6. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
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7. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
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8. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
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15. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

16. I prefer _____ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

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- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. The horse _____ as I approached it in the field.
- v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose
38. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.
- adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
39. The car's engine _____ on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.
- v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

ANSWERS: 32. wardrobe, 33. bling, 34. passe, 35. mantra, 36. opportune, 37.

snorted, 38. lucrative, 39. malfunctioned

40. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

41. The politician and his _____ arrived half an hour late.

n. a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

ANSWERS: 40. rite, 41. entourage