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Session 1: Word List

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym: interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

fuse

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

synonym: (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

artifice

n. a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect

synonym: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) ornamental **artifice**, (2) deceptive **artifice**

Modern films often blend **artifice** with reality to create a captivating visual experience.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

gymnasium

n. a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics

synonym : athletic facility, sports center, fitness center

(1) **gymnasium** equipment, (2) high school **gymnasium**

I go to the local **gymnasium** three times a week to stay in shape.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

attentive

adj. paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant

synonym : observant, mindful, careful

(1) **attentive** care, (2) **attentive** customer service

The **attentive** student took diligent notes during the lecture.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

clown

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

synonym : jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

tramp

n. a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (*v.*) to walk heavily or noisily

synonym: hiker, wanderer, vagabond

(1) **tramp** comedian, (2) **tramp** all over the place

We went for a long **tramp** in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
2. enjoy a la____h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
3. gy_____um equipment *n.* a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics
4. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
5. aw____n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
6. high school gy_____um *n.* a large room or building equipped for indoor sports and physical exercise, typically including weights and exercise machines; a school or institution that emphasizes physical education and athletics
7. f__e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

ANSWERS: 1. intricate, 2. lavish, 3. gymnasium, 4. electrify, 5. awaken, 6. gymnasium, 7. fuse

8. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
9. la___h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
10. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
11. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
12. a cl__n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
13. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
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15. de_____er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
16. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
17. at_____ve customer service *adj.* paying close attention to something or someone; showing interest or careful consideration; being mindful or observant

ANSWERS: 8. awaken, 9. lavish, 10. afterward, 11. morph, 12. clown, 13. afterward, 14. tame, 15. decipher, 16. numb, 17. attentive

18. f__e with one another *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
19. tr__p comedian *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
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23. el____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
24. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
25. deceptive ar____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect

ANSWERS: 18. fuse, 19. tramp, 20. numb, 21. resonate, 22. attentive, 23. electrify, 24. innovate, 25. artifice

26. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
27. act as a cl__n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
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30. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
31. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
32. de_____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
33. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
34. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
35. ornamental ar_____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect

ANSWERS: 26. resonate, 27. clown, 28. tramp, 29. innovate, 30. transcend, 31. tame, 32. decipher, 33. morph, 34. intricate, 35. artifice

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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