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Session 1: Word List

superstitious

adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

synonym: irrational, unfounded, mystical

(1) **superstitious** fear, (2) **superstitious** behavior

Some people are **superstitious** and believe in good luck charms and omens.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

superstition

n. a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

synonym: belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

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.

synchronicity

n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

synonym: coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence

(1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect

The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

monograph

n. a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single

author or a small group of experts

synonym : study, treatise, dissertation

(1) **monograph** publication, (2) **monograph** on economics

The scientific **monograph** presents new findings on the effects of climate change on coral reefs.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym : high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym : initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

constable

n. a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate

synonym : police officer, officer, cop

(1) local **constable**, (2) traffic **constable**

The **constable's** duty was to maintain law and order in his assigned jurisdiction.

mandala

n. a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation

synonym : sacred circle, geometric pattern

(1) **mandala** tattoo, (2) **mandala** meditation

The **mandala** design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

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.

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.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

retract

v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

synonym : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

dusk

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

synonym : twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

demeanor

n. a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

synonym : behavior, conduct, manner

(1) **demeanor** towards customers, (2) calm **demeanor**

The lawyer's professional **demeanor** helped him win over the jury.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

recoup *v.* to regain or recover something, particularly losses, costs, or expenses, often through compensation, reimbursement, or making up for previous setbacks
synonym : recover, regain, retrieve
(1) **recoup** losses, (2) **recoup** expenses
I hope to **recoup** the money I invested in the stock market by selling at a higher price.

frazzle *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
synonym : exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue
(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair
The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

immerse *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
synonym : dip, inundate, submerge
(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient
He **immersed** himself in his research.

gutsy *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
synonym : courageous, brave, daring
(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance
It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

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

3. de_____or towards customers *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character

4. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

5. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

6. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

7. syn_____ity theory *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

8. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

ANSWERS: 1. billboard, 2. cynical, 3. demeanor, 4. situ, 5. evoke, 6. evoke, 7. synchronicity, 8. billboard

9. ma_____a meditation *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
10. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
11. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
13. re____p expenses *v.* to regain or recover something, particularly losses, costs, or expenses, often through compensation, reimbursement, or making up for previous setbacks
14. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
16. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
17. sup_____ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

ANSWERS: 9. mandala, 10. visualize, 11. industrious, 12. cynical, 13. recoup, 14. industrious, 15. gutsy, 16. sect, 17. superstition

18. d__k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
19. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
20. mo_____ph publication *n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts
21. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
22. mo_____ph on economics *n.* a detailed and comprehensive written study or essay on a specific subject or topic, typically written by a single author or a small group of experts
23. believe in sup_____ion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
24. re_____t a promise *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
25. ignorance is bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
26. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
27. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
28. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 18. dusk, 19. writ, 20. monograph, 21. bliss, 22. monograph, 23. superstition, 24. retract, 25. bliss, 26. confer, 27. writ, 28. situ

29. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
30. calm de_____or *n.* a person's behavior, attitude, or mannerisms, particularly about how others perceive them; the outward expression of one's personality or character
31. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
32. re_____t a lawsuit *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
33. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
34. fr_____e-free hair *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
35. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
36. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 29. skyscraper, 30. demeanor, 31. smack, 32. retract, 33. dusk, 34. frazzle, 35. supple, 36. pretension

44. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
45. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
46. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
47. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
48. ina_____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
49. sup_____ous fear *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
50. syn_____ity effect *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
51. traffic co_____le *n.* a law enforcement officer, typically of lower rank than a police officer, who is responsible for community policing and maintaining order and safety; in historical contexts, a person charged with various duties related to the administration of a particular area or estate

ANSWERS: 44. supple, 45. confer, 46. inaugurate, 47. gutsy, 48. inaugurate, 49.

superstitious, 50. synchronicity, 51. constable

52. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
53. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
54. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
55. sup_____ous behavior *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
56. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 52. sect, 53. immerse, 54. skyscraper, 55. superstitious, 56. pretension

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
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n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
3. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
4. The first two years of her marriage were sheer _____.
n. extreme happiness or joy
5. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
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ANSWERS: 1. skyscraper, 2. billboard, 3. supple, 4. bliss, 5. gutsy, 6. dusk, 7. pretensions

8. The _____ design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.
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- adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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- adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 15. frazzled, 16. retract, 17. monograph, 18. writ, 19. inaugurate, 20. industrious, 21. situ

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- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 22. constable's, 23. demeanor, 24. superstition, 25. smacked, 26. cynical, 27. sect, 28. immersed

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