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Session 1: Word List

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

mead

n. an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

synonym: honey wine

(1) honey **mead**, (2) **mead** brewing

The **mead** at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym: single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

pitiful

adj. making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor

synonym: miserable, contemptible, sorry

(1) a **pitiful** fate, (2) cast **pitiful** eyes
We heard their **pitiful** laments throughout the night.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**
We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry
He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**
She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival
The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym: marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man
The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym: embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**
He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

cassava

n. (also "manioc") a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

synonym: manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch
Cassava leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

sorghum

n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries

(1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**
Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

recalcitrant

adj. obstinately resistant to authority, control, or guidance; unwilling to comply with rules, orders, or instructions; stubbornly defiant or disobedient

synonym: stubborn, defiant, disobedient

(1) **recalcitrant** student, (2) **recalcitrant** employee
The student's **recalcitrant** attitude made it difficult for the teacher to teach the class effectively.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to

influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

synonym : brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

philanthropic

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

synonym : charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on

philanthropy.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

oxymoron

n. a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

synonym: contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym: merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas
A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

self-sufficient

adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

synonym: independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining

(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy

He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.

bifurcate

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

synonym: branch, fork, divide

(1) **bifurcate** at the top of the mountain, (2) **bifurcate** into two separate tracks

The river **bifurcates** ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

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.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

impregnate

v. to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely

synonym: fertilize, inseminate, make pregnant

(1) **impregnate** a woman, (2) **impregnate** with a medicinal substance

The sperm **impregnated** the egg, and fertilization occurred.

polyethylene

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE

synonym: PE, plastic, polymer

(1) high-density **polyethylene**, (2) **polyethylene** terephthalate

The food packaging was made of **polyethylene** film.

insecticide

n. a substance used to kill insects

synonym: pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue

The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym: inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

avian

adj. relating to or characteristic of birds

synonym: bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different

types of birds.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym : repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym : contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

trite

adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

synonym : clichéd, banal, overused

(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody

The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un_____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
2. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
3. tr__e melody *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
4. ins_____de residue *n.* a substance used to kill insects
5. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
6. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
7. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
8. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
9. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

ANSWERS: 1. unmarried, 2. nod, 3. trite, 4. insecticide, 5. prostitute, 6. moth, 7. sew, 8. nod, 9. handout

10. tr__e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
11. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
12. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
13. phi_____pic mission *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
14. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
15. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
16. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
17. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 10. trite, 11. ivory, 12. flourish, 13. philanthropic, 14. fused, 15. confluence, 16. iterate, 17. epitome

18. pol_____ene terephthalate *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE
19. a pi_____l fate *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
20. m__d brewing *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
21. ox_____on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
22. bi_____te at the top of the mountain *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
23. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
24. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
25. so_____m grain *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
26. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 18. polyethylene, 19. pitiful, 20. mead, 21. oxymoron, 22. bifurcate, 23. privatize, 24. sew, 25. sorghum, 26. sway

39. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
40. un_____ed job *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
41. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
42. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
43. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. ins_____de spray *n.* a substance used to kill insects
45. fu__d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
46. literary ox_____on *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
47. imp_____te with a medicinal substance *v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely

ANSWERS: 39. slum, 40. unskilled, 41. unskilled, 42. humility, 43. opportune, 44. insecticide, 45. fused, 46. oxymoron, 47. impregnate

48. seeds of so_____m *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
49. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
50. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
51. high-density pol_____ene *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE
52. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
53. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
54. phi_____pic donation *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
55. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
56. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 48. sorghum, 49. sibling, 50. moth, 51. polyethylene, 52. philanthropy, 53. sway, 54. philanthropic, 55. confluence, 56. diaspora

57. financial ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
58. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
59. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
60. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
61. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
62. a male pro____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
63. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
64. imp____te a woman *v.* to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely
65. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
66. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 57. acumen, 58. slum, 59. motto, 60. sibling, 61. infer, 62. prostitute, 63. ivory, 64. impregnate, 65. bakery, 66. humility

67. bi_____te into two separate tracks *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
68. pai_____sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
69. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
70. an ep_____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
71. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
73. av__n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
74. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
75. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
76. cast pi_____l eyes *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
77. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 67. bifurcate, 68. paintbrush, 69. philanthropy, 70. epitome, 71. opportune, 72. intrigue, 73. avian, 74. diaspora, 75. motto, 76. pitiful, 77. intrigue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
2. We heard their _____ laments throughout the night.
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n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
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n. a substance used to kill insects
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v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 1. flourished, 2. pitiful, 3. philanthropy, 4. insecticide, 5. confluence, 6. Cassava, 7. acumen, 8. sew

9. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.
n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
10. The expert on _____ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.
adj. relating to or characteristic of birds
11. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
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ANSWERS: 9. epitome, 10. avian, 11. bakery, 12. diaspora, 13. iterate, 14. polyethylene, 15. fused, 16. nodded

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ANSWERS: 17. oxymoron, 18. impregnated, 19. sway, 20. ivory, 21. handouts, 22. privatize, 23. trite

24. The student's _____ attitude made it difficult for the teacher to teach the class effectively.

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adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

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v. to marry someone
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n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
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ANSWERS: 32. paintbrush, 33. philanthropic, 34. mead, 35. wed, 36. motto, 37. inferred, 38. humility, 39. siblings

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