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Session 1: Word List

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently
synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

recast

v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
synonym: modify, remake, remodel

(1) **recast** the Republican party, (2) **recast** the story

He had to **recast** his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

cuckold

n. a man whose wife has a sexual relationship with another man

(1) a weak **cuckold**, (2) live the **cuckold** lifestyle

He is a **cuckold** who knows about his wife's infidelity but tolerates it.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym : task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

unassuming

adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

synonym : diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread

worldwide by SNS.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

mind-boggling

adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

synonym : overwhelming, amazing, astonishing

(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display
Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a **mind-boggling** task.

allusion

n. an expression that is intended to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; passing reference or indirect mention

synonym : hint, quotation, reference

(1) make an **allusion**, (2) literary **allusion**

His veiled **allusion** to the previous night made his wife angry.

flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

synonym : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym : narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

reverie

n. a state of thinking about pleasant things; a daydream; absentminded dreaming while awake

synonym : daze, trance, daydreaming

(1) fall into **reverie**, (2) awake from **reverie**

The test results break his **reverie**.

mammoth

adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

synonym : huge, large

(1) woolly **mammoth**, (2) a **mammoth** ship

The minister decided to review its **mammoth** public works projects.

reaffirm

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

synonym : declare, acknowledge, advocate

(1) **reaffirm** a relationship, (2) **reaffirm** the basic points

The board member of the pharmaceutical company **reaffirmed** the commitment to public health.

infidelity

n. the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

synonym : disloyalty, adultery, affair

(1) alleged **infidelity**, (2) act of **infidelity**

She forgave him for his **infidelity**.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re___t the Republican party *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
2. a weak cu____d *n.* a man whose wife has a sexual relationship with another man
3. a min_____ing puzzle *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
4. run an er___d *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
5. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
6. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
7. literary al____on *n.* an expression that is intended to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; passing reference or indirect mention
8. go on a serious od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
9. cross-country od____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

ANSWERS: 1. recast, 2. cuckold, 3. mind-boggling, 4. errand, 5. insecure, 6. overwhelm, 7. allusion, 8. odyssey, 9. odyssey

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| 10. an ob_____e story | <i>adj.</i> offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex |
| 11. er____d boy | <i>n.</i> a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something |
| 12. live the cu_____d lifestyle | <i>n.</i> a man whose wife has a sexual relationship with another man |
| 13. a min_____ing display | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine |
| 14. re_____t the adventure | <i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story |
| 15. the ha_____rk of a good scientist | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing |
| 16. awake from re_____e | <i>n.</i> a state of thinking about pleasant things; a daydream; absentminded dreaming while awake |
| 17. the ha_____rk of modern life | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing |
| 18. boundless gen_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 19. act of gen_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 20. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |

ANSWERS: 10. obscene, 11. errand, 12. cuckold, 13. mind-boggling, 14. recount, 15. hallmark, 16. reverie, 17. hallmark, 18. generosity, 19. generosity, 20. Catholic

21. the Ca_____ic Church
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
22. an in_____re future
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
23. re____l an old tale
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
24. fall into re_____e
n. a state of thinking about pleasant things; a daydream; absentminded dreaming while awake
25. he____c explorers
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
26. mu_____e affairs
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
27. a sal_____on in a store
n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
28. ov_____lm opponents by numbers
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
29. re_____rm a relationship
v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
30. re_____rm the basic points
v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
31. act of inf_____ty
n. the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

ANSWERS: 21. Catholic, 22. insecure, 23. retell, 24. reverie, 25. heroic, 26. mundane, 27. salesperson, 28. overwhelm, 29. reaffirm, 30. reaffirm, 31. infidelity

32. re_____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
33. make an al_____on *n.* an expression that is intended to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; passing reference or indirect mention
34. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
35. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
36. an una_____ng fashion *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
37. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
38. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
39. a ma_____h ship *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
40. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
41. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
42. una_____ng appearance *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
43. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 32. recount, 33. allusion, 34. mundane, 35. flirt, 36. unassuming, 37. guise, 38. obscene, 39. mammoth, 40. unnoticed, 41. unnoticed, 42. unassuming, 43. guise

44. woolly ma_____h *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
45. alleged inf_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
46. re____l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
47. fl__t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
48. a he____c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
49. re____t the story *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
50. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 44. mammoth, 45. infidelity, 46. retell, 47. flirt, 48. heroic, 49. recast, 50. salesperson

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

2. They _____ events that have already occurred.
v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

3. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

4. His veiled _____ to the previous night made his wife angry.
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5. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.
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6. A clear and simple expression is the _____ of good writing.
n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

7. Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a _____ task.
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8. The test results break his _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. generosity, 2. recount, 3. mundane, 4. allusion, 5. odyssey, 6. hallmark, 7. mind-boggling, 8. reverie

9. He sent me on an _____.
- n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
10. The board member of the pharmaceutical company _____ the commitment to public health.
- v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
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- v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
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- v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
13. She forgave him for his _____.
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- adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
15. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
16. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.
- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 9. errand, 10. reaffirmed, 11. recast, 12. retells, 13. infidelity, 14. obscene, 15. overwhelm, 16. guise

17. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

18. The minister decided to review its _____ public works projects.

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19. He is a _____ who knows about his wife's infidelity but tolerates it.

n. a man whose wife has a sexual relationship with another man

20. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

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22. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

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ANSWERS: 17. heroic, 18. mammoth, 19. cuckold, 20. salesperson, 21. insecure, 22. catholic, 23. unassuming, 24. unnoticed, 25. flirts

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