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Session 1: Word List

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

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.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

credo

n. a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

synonym : belief, doctrine, principle

(1) artist's **credo**, (2) the **credo** of a philosophy

His business **credo** was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

liturgy

n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church

synonym : rite, service, ceremony

(1) divine **liturgy**, (2) **liturgy** of a church

The **liturgy** for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

melodic

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

synonym : harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

monophonic

adj. having or relating to a single line of melody with no accompanying harmony

synonym : unaccompanied, single-voiced, one-voiced

(1) **monophonic** synthesizer, (2) **monophonic** sound

The church choir sang a **monophonic** hymn during the service.

polyphony

n. music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

synonym : multi-part, harmonization, counterpoint

(1) a beautiful **polyphony**, (2) the **polyphony** of the music
The composer wrote a complex **polyphony** for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

motet

n. a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms

synonym: anthem, hymn, psalm

(1) **motet** compositions, (2) **motet** lyrics

The choir sang a beautiful **motet** during the church service.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

synonym: noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

troubadour

n. a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs

synonym: minstrel, singer, composer

(1) wandering **troubadour**, (2) **troubadour** poetry

The **troubadour's** guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.

jongleur

n. a medieval traveling entertainer who performed acrobatics, juggling, and other feats

synonym: performer, entertainer, showman

(1) **jongleur** performances, (2) **jongleur** tricks

The wandering **jongleur** entertained the court with his juggling skills and acrobatics.

sil

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **sil**, (2) **sil** organization

The farmer used a **sil** to store feed for the animals.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

plainchant

n. a form of monophonic liturgical music that was used in the Christian Church from the earliest times and is characterized by the use of a single melodic line

synonym : chant, psalmody, hymnody

(1) **plainchant** melodies, (2) **plainchant** hymns

The choir sang a beautiful **plainchant** during the church service.

abbess

n. a woman who is the head of a convent or monastery

synonym : nun, sister, superior

(1) ruled by an **abbess**, (2) **abbess** of a monastery

The **abbess** of the convent was known for her kindness and wisdom.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ruled by an ab___s *n.* a woman who is the head of a convent or monastery
2. jo_____ur tricks *n.* a medieval traveling entertainer who performed acrobatics, juggling, and other feats
3. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
4. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
5. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
6. mo__t compositions *n.* a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms
7. artist's cr__o *n.* a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
8. my___c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 1. abbess, 2. jongleur, 3. monk, 4. silo, 5. cathedral, 6. motet, 7. credo, 8. mystic

9. ari_____tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
10. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
11. divine li_____y *n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
12. ari_____tic titles *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
13. medieval my____c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
14. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
15. mon_____ic synthesizer *adj.* having or relating to a single line of melody with no accompanying harmony
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. aristocratic, 10. chant, 11. liturgy, 12. aristocratic, 13. mystic, 14. Christ, 15. monophonic, 16. Catholic

17. the cr__o of a philosophy *n.* a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group
18. the po_____ny of the music *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
19. tro_____ur poetry *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
20. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
21. a beautiful po_____ny *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
22. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
23. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
24. ab___s of a monastery *n.* a woman who is the head of a convent or monastery
25. pla_____nt hymns *n.* a form of monophonic liturgical music that was used in the Christian Church from the earliest times and is characterized by the use of a single melodic line

ANSWERS: 17. credo, 18. polyphony, 19. troubadour, 20. silo, 21. polyphony, 22. cathedral, 23. communion, 24. abbess, 25. plainchant

26. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
27. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
28. pla_____nt melodies *n.* a form of monophonic liturgical music that was used in the Christian Church from the earliest times and is characterized by the use of a single melodic line
29. wandering tro_____ur *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
30. ca_____ic in his tastes *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
31. me_____c scale *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
32. li_____y of a church *n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
33. jo_____ur performances *n.* a medieval traveling entertainer who performed acrobatics, juggling, and other feats
34. transcribe me_____c patterns *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

ANSWERS: 26. monk, 27. chant, 28. plainchant, 29. troubadour, 30. Catholic, 31. melodic, 32. liturgy, 33. jongleur, 34. melodic

35. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
36. mon_____ic sound *adj.* having or relating to a single line of melody with no accompanying harmony
37. mo__t lyrics *n.* a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms
38. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 35. Christ, 36. monophonic, 37. motet, 38. communion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
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3. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
4. The _____ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.
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5. The _____ for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.
n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
6. The _____ of the convent was known for her kindness and wisdom.
n. a woman who is the head of a convent or monastery
7. His business _____ was to always be honest and fair in his dealings.
n. a statement of the beliefs or principles of a person or group

ANSWERS: 1. monk, 2. polyphony, 3. silo, 4. aristocratic, 5. liturgy, 6. abbess, 7. credo

8. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
9. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
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10. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings;
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11. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
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13. The _____ guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.
n. a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
14. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
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
15. The wandering _____ entertained the court with his juggling skills and acrobatics.
n. a medieval traveling entertainer who performed acrobatics, juggling, and other feats

ANSWERS: 8. cathedral's, 9. Christmas, 10. communion, 11. chant, 12. motet, 13. troubadour's, 14. catholic, 15. jongleur

16. The church choir sang a _____ hymn during the service.

adj. having or relating to a single line of melody with no accompanying harmony

17. The choir sang a beautiful _____ during the church service.

n. a form of monophonic liturgical music that was used in the Christian Church from the earliest times and is characterized by the use of a single melodic line

18. She played a _____ piece on the piano.

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

19. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 16. monophonic, 17. plainchant, 18. melodic, 19. mystic