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Session 1: Word List

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

monotheistic

adj. believing that there is only one God

(1) **monotheistic** faith, (2) a member of a **monotheistic** sect

Monotheistic religions have historically developed in denial of polytheistic religions.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**
The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
synonym: barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land
The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

handmaiden

n. a female servant or assistant
synonym: maid, servant, helper

(1) **handmaiden** duties, (2) subservient **handmaiden**
The princess's **handmaiden** helped dress for the ball and assisted with her hair.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with

jealousy

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym: cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

descendent

adj. going or coming down; derived from an ancestor

synonym: downward, descending, inherited

(1) **descendent** class, (2) **descendent** gene

He hid the fact that he was a legitimate **descendent** of that family.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
2. a member of a mon_____tic sect *adj.* believing that there is only one God
3. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
4. mon_____tic faith *adj.* believing that there is only one God
5. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
6. the ge_____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
7. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
8. in_____le woman *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
9. des_____nt gene *adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
10. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 1. banish, 2. monotheistic, 3. patriarch, 4. monotheistic, 5. descendant, 6. genesis, 7. creditor, 8. infertile, 9. descendent, 10. instruct

11. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
12. 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
13. des_____nt class *adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
14. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
15. han_____en duties *n.* a female servant or assistant
16. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
17. cir_____se a newborn *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
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ANSWERS: 11. descendant, 12. Christ, 13. descendent, 14. jealousy, 15. handmaiden, 16. instruct, 17. circumcise, 18. patriarch, 19. banish, 20. Christ, 21. handmaiden

22. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
23. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
24. in the Book of Ge_____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
25. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
26. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
27. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
28. in_____le land *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

ANSWERS: 22. jealousy, 23. heir, 24. genesis, 25. heir, 26. circumcise, 27. creditor, 28. infertile

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
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ANSWERS: 8. Christmas, 9. Monotheistic, 10. banished, 11. jealousy, 12. creditor, 13. instructed, 14. circumcise