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Session 1: Word List

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

hieroglyph

n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

synonym: character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird
Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

Pharaoh

n. the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**

The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.

sphinx

n. a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures

(1) **sphinx** statue, (2) **sphinx** riddle

The Great **Sphinx** is a famous statue with a human's head and a lion's body.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

scribe

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

synonym: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

incomprehensible

adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

synonym: unintelligible, unfathomable, inexplicable

(1) **incomprehensible** jargon, (2) **incomprehensible** math problem

The mathematical formula was **incomprehensible** to most of the students.

edict

n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

synonym: decree, order, command

(1) religious **edict**, (2) royal **edict**

The **edict** issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym: interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

prodigious

adj. remarkable or extraordinary in size, amount, or degree; extraordinary in ability or talent

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, exceptional

(1) a **prodigious** storm, (2) **prodigious** talent

The **prodigious** artist's work was featured in a major museum exhibition.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

divinity

n. the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices

synonym: godhead, deity, divineness

(1) an indwelling **divinity**, (2) **divinity** degree

The ancient civilization revered the **divinity** of the god.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym: preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

mummify

v. to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt

synonym: embalm, preserve, desiccate

(1) **mummify** a corpse, (2) **mummify** a body

The ancient Egyptians believed in **mummifying** their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.

charlatan

n. a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people

synonym: fraud, imposter, sham

(1) the dishonesty of a **charlatan**, (2) **charlatan** medicine

The religious **charlatan** promised a cure for all illnesses but

delivered none.

mummy

n. a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material

synonym: corpse, remains

(1) **mummy** tomb, (2) ancient Egyptian **mummy**

The well-preserved **mummy** was discovered in an ancient tomb in the desert.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Egyptian Ph____h | <i>n.</i> the title of the ancient Egyptian kings |
| 2. inc_____ble jargon | <i>adj.</i> impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended |
| 3. sp___x riddle | <i>n.</i> a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures |
| 4. de_____er message | <i>v.</i> to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way |
| 5. ins_____on on a plaque | <i>n.</i> a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal |
| 6. religious ed__t | <i>n.</i> an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation |
| 7. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 8. em___m the body | <i>v.</i> preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral |
| 9. se__e a person's property | <i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something |
| 10. mu__y tomb | <i>n.</i> a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material |

ANSWERS: 1. Pharaoh, 2. incomprehensible, 3. sphinx, 4. decipher, 5. inscription, 6. edict, 7. bury, 8. embalm, 9. seize, 10. mummy

11. funerary ins_____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
12. pro_____us talent *adj.* remarkable or extraordinary in size, amount, or degree; extraordinary in ability or talent
13. a pro_____us storm *adj.* remarkable or extraordinary in size, amount, or degree; extraordinary in ability or talent
14. financial sc___e *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
15. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
16. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
17. the dishonesty of a ch_____an *n.* a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people
18. ancient Egyptian mu__y *n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material
19. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
20. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
21. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 11. inscription, 12. prodigious, 13. prodigious, 14. scribe, 15. archaeology, 16. fluent, 17. charlatan, 18. mummy, 19. archaeology, 20. fluent, 21. medicinal

22. inc_____ble math problem *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
23. the hie_____ph of the bird *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
24. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
25. de_____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
26. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
27. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
28. sc_____e in ancient Egypt *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
29. royal ed__t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
30. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
31. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 22. incomprehensible, 23. hieroglyph, 24. bury, 25. decipher, 26. linguist, 27. inscribe, 28. scribe, 29. edict, 30. decode, 31. seize

32. ch_____an medicine *n.* a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people
33. mu_____y a body *v.* to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
34. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
35. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
36. sp___x statue *n.* a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, known for its riddle-posing and guarding ancient treasures
37. di_____ty degree *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
38. a young Ph_____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
39. an indwelling di_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
40. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
41. em___m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
42. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 32. charlatan, 33. mummify, 34. decode, 35. linguist, 36. sphinx, 37. divinity, 38. Pharaoh, 39. divinity, 40. medicinal, 41. embalm, 42. inscribe

43. Egyptian hiero_____ph

n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

44. mu_____y a corpse

v. to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 43. hieroglyph, 44. mummify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Each beautiful _____ represents either an idea or a sound.
n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
2. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
3. The ancient Egyptians believed in _____ their dead to preserve the body for the afterlife.
v. to embalm and preserve the body of a deceased person, especially in ancient Egypt
4. The mathematical formula was _____ to most of the students.
adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
5. The ancient civilization revered the _____ of the god.
n. the state or quality of being divine; the state of being a god or goddess; the study of religious beliefs and practices
6. The _____ artist's work was featured in a major museum exhibition.
adj. remarkable or extraordinary in size, amount, or degree; extraordinary in ability or talent
7. The _____ issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.
n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

ANSWERS: 1. hieroglyph, 2. linguist, 3. mummifying, 4. incomprehensible, 5. divinity, 6. prodigious, 7. edict

8. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
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11. The _____ Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
- n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
12. The _____ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.
- n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
13. The funeral director _____ the body to make it presentable for the wake.
- v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
14. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
15. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
- v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 8. archaeology, 9. decode, 10. bury, 11. Pharaoh, 12. scribe's, 13. embalmed, 14. medicinal, 15. inscribed

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ANSWERS: 16. inscription, 17. mummy, 18. seize, 19. fluent, 20. Sphinx, 21. decipher, 22. charlatan