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Session 1: Word List

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

misshapen

adj. having an abnormal shape or form, particularly in a way that is unattractive or causes problems

synonym : malformed, distorted, twisted

(1) slightly **misshapen**, (2) **misshapen** teeth

The **misshapen** apple was discarded as it was not fit to be sold.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

ornate

adj. elaborately or excessively decorated

synonym : decorative, elaborate, fancy

(1) **ornate** ceiling, (2) depicted in **ornate** detail

She wore an **ornate** necklace to the formal event.

accompaniment

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

synonym : support, aide, attendant

(1) the piano **accompaniment**, (2) **accompaniment** to the main course

The piano provided a beautiful **accompaniment** to the singer's voice.

basso

n. a singer with a low range, typically a bass or bass-baritone

synonym : bass, bass singer, bass-baritone

(1) **basso** cantante, (2) **basso** profundo

The **basso's** rich and powerful voice resonated throughout the concert hall.

harpsichord

n. a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods

synonym : clavichord, spinet, virginal

(1) electric **harpsichord**, (2) **harpsichord** player

She was playing a beautiful piece of music on the **harpsichord**.

cello

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

synonym : violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music

She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

viola

n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower

synonym: alto violin, viola da gamba, viola d'amore

(1) **viola** section, (2) pick up a **viola**

She had been playing the **viola** for over a decade.

gamba

n. a stringed musical instrument of the viol family played with the fingers and characterized by six or seven strings and frets and a curved back

synonym: viol, bass violin, violone

(1) **gamba** concerto, (2) **gamba** player

The musician was well-versed in the techniques of playing the **gamba** and gave a stunning performance.

bassoon

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed

synonym: fagotto, contrabassoon

(1) a tenor **bassoon**, (2) **bassoon** reed

The **bassoon** player was the only one who could hit that low note.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

concerto

n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

synonym: symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

oboe

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

synonym : cor anglais, english horn, heckelphone

(1) an alto **oboe**, (2) **oboe** reed

The **oboe** player was tuning her instrument before the concert.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

harmonic

adj. relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.

synonym : melodic, balanced, harmonious

(1) **harmonic** oscillator, (2) a natural **harmonic** quality

The violin's sound was so pure and **harmonic** that it gave me chills.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym : harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

minuet

n. a slow and graceful dance that was popular in the 18th-century

synonym: dance, waltz, sarabande

(1) step a **minuet**, (2) **minuet** music

The dancers performed an elegant **minuet** to the delight of the audience.

gigue

n. a lively dance in compound quadruple meter, popular in the baroque and classical periods

synonym: jig, dance, reel

(1) **gigue** dance, (2) **gigue** music

The dancers performed a lively **gigue** that had the audience tapping their feet.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym: notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

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.

virtuoso

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

synonym: master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

castrato

n. a male singer who has been castrated (= to remove the testicles of a male animal or person) before puberty to preserve a high, unbroken singing voice

synonym : eunuch, male soprano, alto

(1) **castrato** singer, (2) a 17th-century **castrato**

The **castrato's** high-pitched singing voice was popular in Baroque and Classical music.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

choirboy

n. a boy who sings in a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony), typically in a church or cathedral

synonym : chorister, singer, boy soprano

(1) a single **choirboy**, (2) **choirboy** choir

The cherubic **choirboy** had a beautiful singing voice and was a favorite among the congregation.

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.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

choirmaster

n. the leader of a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony) typically responsible for the musical direction, training, and performance of the choir

synonym : conductor, director, leader

(1) **choirmaster's** training, (2) **choirmaster's** voice

The **choirmaster's** vocal technique and harmony expertise helped the choir members improve their singing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. violin co_____to
n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
2. earn pro_____ce
n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
3. ca_____e of footsteps
n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
4. cho_____er's voice
n. the leader of a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony) typically responsible for the musical direction, training, and performance of the choir
5. ch_____oy choir
n. a boy who sings in a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony), typically in a church or cathedral
6. me_____c scale
adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
7. 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
8. ga__a player
n. a stringed musical instrument of the viol family played with the fingers and characterized by six or seven strings and frets and a curved back

ANSWERS: 1. concerto, 2. prominence, 3. cadence, 4. choirmaster, 5. choirboy, 6. melodic, 7. cathedral, 8. gamba

9. cho_____er's training *n.* the leader of a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony) typically responsible for the musical direction, training, and performance of the choir
10. ba_____e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
11. 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
12. a natural ha_____ic quality *adj.* relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
13. ba_____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
14. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
15. a single ch_____oy *n.* a boy who sings in a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony), typically in a church or cathedral
16. electric har_____rd *n.* a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods

ANSWERS: 9. choirmaster, 10. baroque, 11. cathedral, 12. harmonic, 13. baroque, 14. symmetrical, 15. choirboy, 16. harpsichord

17. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
18. the onset of pu_____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
19. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
20. ha_____ic oscillator *adj.* relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
21. ga__a concerto *n.* a stringed musical instrument of the viol family played with the fingers and characterized by six or seven strings and frets and a curved back
22. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
23. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
24. the piano acc_____ent *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
25. acc_____ent to the main course *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

ANSWERS: 17. Renaissance, 18. puberty, 19. puberty, 20. harmonic, 21. gamba, 22. extravagant, 23. symmetrical, 24. accompaniment, 25. accompaniment

26. regular ca_____e
- n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
27. piano co_____to
- n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
28. ca_____to singer
- n.* a male singer who has been castrated (= to remove the testicles of a male animal or person) before puberty to preserve a high, unbroken singing voice
29. versatile vi_____so
- n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
30. har_____rd player
- n.* a keyboard instrument with strings plucked by plectra rather than struck by hammers like a piano. It is known for its distinctive and bright sound; it was a common instrument in the Baroque and classical music periods
31. an alto o___e
- n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
32. ba__o cantante
- n.* a singer with a low range, typically a bass or bass-baritone
33. s__t beliefs
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 26. cadence, 27. concerto, 28. castrato, 29. virtuoso, 30. harpsichord, 31. oboe, 32. basso, 33. sect

34. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
35. a vi_____so on the guitar *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
36. pick up a vi__a *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
37. ce__o music *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
38. pro_____ce in society *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
39. the beautiful sound of a ce__o *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
40. a tenor ba_____n *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
41. mi_____en teeth *adj.* having an abnormal shape or form, particularly in a way that is unattractive or causes problems
42. ba_____n reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family, similar to a large oboe, with a narrow conical bore and a double reed
43. depicted in or___e detail *adj.* elaborately or excessively decorated
44. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 34. sect, 35. virtuoso, 36. viola, 37. cello, 38. prominence, 39. cello, 40. bassoon, 41. misshapen, 42. bassoon, 43. ornate, 44. Renaissance

45. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
46. gi__e dance *n.* a lively dance in compound quadruple meter, popular in the baroque and classical periods
47. slightly mi_____en *adj.* having an abnormal shape or form, particularly in a way that is unattractive or causes problems
48. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
49. a 17th-century ca_____to *n.* a male singer who has been castrated (= to remove the testicles of a male animal or person) before puberty to preserve a high, unbroken singing voice
50. ba__o profundo *n.* a singer with a low range, typically a bass or bass-baritone
51. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
52. transcribe me _____c patterns *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
53. step a mi____t *n.* a slow and graceful dance that was popular in the 18th-century
54. vi__a section *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
55. o__e reed *n.* a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 45. kidnapping, 46. gigue, 47. misshapen, 48. extravagant, 49. castrato, 50. basso, 51. kidnapping, 52. melodic, 53. minuet, 54. viola, 55. oboe

56. mi___t music

n. a slow and graceful dance that was popular in the 18th-century

57. gi___e music

n. a lively dance in compound quadruple meter, popular in the baroque and classical periods

58. or___e ceiling

adj. elaborately or excessively decorated

ANSWERS: 56. minuet, 57. gigue, 58. ornate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
2. The _____ player was tuning her instrument before the concert.
n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a narrow conical bore, double reed, and a piercing, high-pitched sound
3. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
4. The cherubic _____ had a beautiful singing voice and was a favorite among the congregation.
n. a boy who sings in a choir (= a group of singers that sings as part of a religious ceremony), typically in a church or cathedral
5. The wedding was an _____ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
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6. She was playing a beautiful piece of music on the _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. oboe, 3. cadence, 4. choirboy, 5. extravagant, 6. harpsichord, 7. castrato's

8. She played a _____ piece on the piano.

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

9. The dancers performed an elegant _____ to the delight of the audience.

n. a slow and graceful dance that was popular in the 18th-century

10. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

11. He achieved _____ in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

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n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

ANSWERS: 16. misshapen, 17. viola, 18. harmonic, 19. gamba, 20. basso's, 21. gigue, 22. cathedral's, 23. virtuoso

24. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.

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27. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

28. She wore an _____ necklace to the formal event.

adj. elaborately or excessively decorated

29. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano _____.

n. a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

ANSWERS: 24. baroque, 25. bassoon, 26. choirmaster's, 27. symmetrical, 28. ornate, 29. concerto