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Session 1: Word List

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

philistine

n. a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts

synonym: barbarian, uncultured, uncivilized

(1) **philistine** attitude, (2) a man of a **philistine**

He was a **philistine** with no interest in the arts or culture.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire
His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

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.

decapitate

v. to cut off the head of someone; to behead

synonym: behead, sever, cut off

(1) **decapitate** the enemy, (2) **decapitate** a statue

The executioner was about to **decapitate** the condemned prisoner.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

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| heir | <p><i>n.</i> a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: successor, inheritor, beneficiary</p> <p>(1) an imperial heir, (2) heir at law</p> <p>She recognized me as her lawful heir.</p> |
| befriend | <p><i>v.</i> to become a friend of someone, especially when in need</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: support, advise, patronize</p> <p>(1) befriend a young boy, (2) befriend other members</p> <p>I'm willing to befriend the weak and the poor.</p> |
| unify | <p><i>v.</i> to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: bring together, consolidate, merge</p> <p>(1) unify the system, (2) unify the party</p> <p>The people believe that they can unify the country.</p> |
| impregnate | <p><i>v.</i> to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: fertilize, inseminate, make pregnant</p> <p>(1) impregnate a woman, (2) impregnate with a medicinal substance</p> <p>The sperm impregnated the egg, and fertilization occurred.</p> |
| imperfectly | <p><i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily</p> <p>(1) imperfectly developed, (2) imperfectly known disease</p> <p>He created an imperfectly shaped torso.</p> |
| lineage | <p><i>n.</i> the ancestry of a person, group, or species</p> <p><i>synonym</i>: ancestry, descent, heritage</p> <p>(1) maternal lineage, (2) lineage tree</p> <p>Scientists traced the lineage of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.</p> |

messiah

n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible

synonym: Jesus Christ, Son of God

(1) glorify the **Messiah**, (2) the arrival of **Messiah**

Many citizens regard him as a political **messiah** of the country.

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.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

pituitary

n. a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones

synonym: hypophyseal, hypothalamic, anterior lobe

(1) **pituitary** hormone, (2) anterior **pituitary**

The **pituitary** gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sn__k out of danger | v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily |
| 2. imp_____ly developed | adv. in a faulty or incomplete way |
| 3. be_____nd other members | v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need |
| 4. sh_____rd boy | n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 5. sp_____te on the outcome | v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 6. sl__g an arrow | v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. am__e a baby with a rattle | v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh |
| 9. sl__g shot | v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something |
| 10. dec_____te a statue | v. to cut off the head of someone; to behead |

ANSWERS: 1. sneak, 2. imperfectly, 3. befriend, 4. shepherd, 5. speculate, 6. sling, 7. heir, 8. amuse, 9. sling, 10. decapitate

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| 11. maternal li____e | <i>n.</i> the ancestry of a person, group, or species |
| 12. un__y the party | <i>v.</i> to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit |
| 13. an imperial h__r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies |
| 14. sheep without a sh____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 15. a man of a phi____ne | <i>n.</i> a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts |
| 16. imp____te with a medicinal substance | <i>v.</i> to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely |
| 17. sp____te about the reason | <i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 18. 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 |
| 19. sn__k a cigarette | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily |
| 20. br____y under fire | <i>n.</i> courage in the face of danger |
| 21. s__r in popularity | <i>v.</i> to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease |

ANSWERS: 11. lineage, 12. unify, 13. heir, 14. shepherd, 15. philistine, 16. impregnate, 17. speculate, 18. seize, 19. sneak, 20. bravery, 21. soar

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| 22. the legal bat_____und | <i>n.</i> a place where a battle is fought |
| 23. imp_____ly known disease | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way |
| 24. un__y the system | <i>v.</i> to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit |
| 25. des_____nt of a pioneer | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 26. imp_____te a woman | <i>v.</i> to make a woman or female animal pregnant; to infuse or fill something completely |
| 27. am__e guests | <i>v.</i> to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh |
| 28. the arrival of Me_____h | <i>n.</i> the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible |
| 29. third-generation des_____nt | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 30. pi_____ry hormone | <i>n.</i> a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones |
| 31. glorify the Me_____h | <i>n.</i> the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible |
| 32. anterior pi_____ry | <i>n.</i> a small, pea-sized gland located at the base of the brain that influences the growth and sexual development of the body by producing hormones |
| 33. dec_____te the enemy | <i>v.</i> to cut off the head of someone; to behead |

ANSWERS: 22. battleground, 23. imperfectly, 24. unify, 25. descendant, 26. impregnate, 27. amuse, 28. messiah, 29. descendant, 30. pituitary, 31. messiah, 32. pituitary, 33. decapitate

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| 34. bat_____und states | <i>n.</i> a place where a battle is fought |
| 35. be_____nd a young boy | <i>v.</i> to become a friend of someone, especially when in need |
| 36. br_____y against the enemy | <i>n.</i> courage in the face of danger |
| 37. phi_____ne attitude | <i>n.</i> a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts |
| 38. s__r to new heights | <i>v.</i> to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease |
| 39. se__e the day | <i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something |
| 40. li_____e tree | <i>n.</i> the ancestry of a person, group, or species |

ANSWERS: 34. battleground, 35. befriend, 36. bravery, 37. philistine, 38. soar, 39. seize, 40. lineage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
2. The people believe that they can _____ the country.
v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
3. Scientists traced the _____ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.
n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species
4. The executioner was about to _____ the condemned prisoner.
v. to cut off the head of someone; to behead
5. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
6. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
7. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
8. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
9. Many citizens regard him as a political _____ of the country.
n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible

ANSWERS: 1. imperfectly, 2. unify, 3. lineage, 4. decapitate, 5. amused, 6. descendants, 7. slinging, 8. bravery, 9. messiah

10. He was a _____ with no interest in the arts or culture.

n. a person who is indifferent or actively hostile to culture and the arts

11. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

12. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

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

13. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

14. The sperm _____ the egg, and fertilization occurred.

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15. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.

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16. The _____ gland is responsible for releasing hormones that regulate growth and metabolism.

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17. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 10. philistine, 11. sneak, 12. seize, 13. speculated, 14. impregnated, 15. befriend, 16. pituitary, 17. shepherd's

18. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

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

20. The city became a _____ during the war.

n. a place where a battle is fought

ANSWERS: 18. soared, 19. heir, 20. battleground