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Session 1: Word List

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

visage

n. the face or facial expression of a person

synonym: countenance, expression, aspect

(1) a stern **visage**, (2) a **visage** of grim assurance

Her noble **visage** was calm and composed, even in danger.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

sneer

v. to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark

synonym : mock, deride, ridicule

(1) **sneer** openly at him, (2) **sneer** hatefully

She **sneered** at his attempts to impress her.

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

pedestal

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

synonym : base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym : gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**
The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym: limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

sonnet

n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

synonym: poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**

The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

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**.

iambic

adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long

synonym: metrical, poetic, rhythmic

(1) regular **iambic** norm, (2) scene of **iambic** dialogue

The sonnet is written in **iambic** pentameter.

pentameter

n. a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet

synonym: metrical foot, verse line, poetic meter

(1) **pentameter** in poetry, (2) **pentameter** verse
The poem is written in iambic **pentameter**.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

unstressed

adj. not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
synonym: relaxed, tranquil, easy-going

(1) **unstressed** vowel, (2) **unstressed** syllable

She remained **unstressed** even when the deadline was approaching.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym: eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

sextet

n. a group of six people or things

synonym: sextette, sextuor, six-piece ensemble

(1) **sextet** music, (2) **sextet** group

The **sextet** played a variety of jazz and classical music.

topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym: overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**
He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
synonym: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power
He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

boastful

adj. overly proud and talking too much about oneself and one's achievements

synonym: proud, vainglorious, self-important

(1) a **boastful** countenance, (2) **boastful** talk
He was **boastful** of his accomplishments and often bragged about them.

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.

undercut

v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

synonym: undermine, weaken, sabotage

(1) **undercut** a vein of ore, (2) **undercut** his effort
The company **undercut** its competitors by offering lower prices.

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.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a li____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
2. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
3. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
4. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
5. se____t music *n.* a group of six people or things
6. sc_____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
7. un_____ut a vein of ore *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
8. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
9. a co_____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
10. pen_____er verse *n.* a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet
11. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
12. a vi____e of grim assurance *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
13. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 1. lifeless, 2. bury, 3. enlightenment, 4. shatter, 5. sextet, 6. sculptor, 7. undercut, 8. colossal, 9. colossal, 10. pentameter, 11. syllable, 12. visage, 13. inscribe

14. un_____ut his effort *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
15. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
16. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
17. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
18. uns_____ed vowel *adj.* not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
19. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
20. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
21. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
22. pe_____al sink *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
23. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
24. renowned sc_____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

ANSWERS: 14. undercut, 15. inscribe, 16. Renaissance, 17. bury, 18. unstressed, 19. inscription, 20. enlightenment, 21. surpass, 22. pedestal, 23. frown, 24. sculptor

25. a stone pe____al
n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
26. scene of ia____c dialogue
adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
27. bo____ss energy
adj. having no limits; limitless
28. artistic ren____ce
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
29. sh____r a world record
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
30. Shakespeare's so____ts
n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
31. a worried fr____n
v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
32. so____t poetry
n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
33. bo____ul talk
adj. overly proud and talking too much about oneself and one's achievements
34. a fine wr____e on a fabric
n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
35. a bo____ul countenance
adj. overly proud and talking too much about oneself and one's achievements
36. su____s imagination
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 25. pedestal, 26. iambic, 27. boundless, 28. Renaissance, 29. shatter, 30. sonnet, 31. frown, 32. sonnet, 33. boastful, 34. wrinkle, 35. boastful, 36. surpass

37. to___e communist rule
v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
38. fall li_____ss
adj. without life; dead
39. an ar_____nt attitude
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
40. to___e off a ledge
v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
41. sn__r hatefully
v. to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
42. se___t group
n. a group of six people or things
43. a facial wr_____e
n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
44. the house was a wr__k
n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
45. a stern vi___e
n. the face or facial expression of a person
46. regular ia___c norm
adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long
47. ar_____ce of power
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
48. funerary ins_____ons
n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

ANSWERS: 37. topple, 38. lifeless, 39. arrogant, 40. topple, 41. sneer, 42. sextet, 43. wrinkle, 44. wreck, 45. visage, 46. iambic, 47. arrogance, 48. inscription

49. sn__r openly at him
v. to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
50. pen_____er in poetry
n. a line of verse consisting of five metrical feet
51. brazen ar_____ce
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
52. uns_____ed syllable
adj. not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
53. bo_____ss imagination
adj. having no limits; limitless
54. grow ar_____nt
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
55. sy_____le structure
n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
56. oc___e range
n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
57. oc___e key
n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
58. a worthless wr__k
n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 49. sneer, 50. pentameter, 51. arrogance, 52. unstressed, 53. boundless, 54. arrogant, 55. syllable, 56. octave, 57. octave, 58. wreck

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.
n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

2. 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

3. The company _____ its competitors by offering lower prices.
v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

4. The statue was placed on a _____ in the center of the park.
n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

5. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.
adj. without life; dead

6. Her noble _____ was calm and composed, even in danger.
n. the face or facial expression of a person

7. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

8. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.
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ANSWERS: 1. sculptor, 2. inscribed, 3. undercut, 4. pedestal, 5. lifeless, 6. visage, 7. enlightenment, 8. octaves

9. The sonnet is written in _____ pentameter.

adj. relating to or consisting of iambs; a metrical foot consisting of two syllables, with the first syllable short and the second syllable long

10. The poet wrote a _____ to express his love for his wife.

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11. He was _____ of his accomplishments and often bragged about them.

adj. overly proud and talking too much about oneself and one's achievements

12. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

13. The poem is written in iambic _____.

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

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v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

ANSWERS: 9. iambic, 10. sonnet, 11. boastful, 12. arrogance, 13. pentameter, 14. inscription, 15. boundless, 16. sneered, 17. toppled

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19. The _____ played a variety of jazz and classical music.
n. a group of six people or things
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n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
21. Thinking always made him _____.
v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
22. This suit is made of _____ material.
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23. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
24. She remained _____ even when the deadline was approaching.
adj. not feeling worried; not having stress placed upon it
25. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 18. surpassed, 19. sextet, 20. renaissance, 21. frown, 22. wrinkle-proof, 23. colossal, 24. unstressed, 25. wreck

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27. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

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v. to break suddenly into many pieces

ANSWERS: 26. syllable, 27. bury, 28. arrogant, 29. shattered