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Session 1: Word List

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym : ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym: training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

outstanding

adj. superior to others in excellence; not yet paid, completed, etc.

synonym : distinguished, excellent, unprecedented

(1) an **outstanding** new record, (2) pay **outstanding** debts

It's an area of **outstanding** natural beauty.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym : holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym : incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he

abdicated.

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money
Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

analytical

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler

parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

synonym : investigative, logical, cogent

(1) **analytical** approach, (2) **analytical** ability

He is **analytical** and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

ontology

n. a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence

synonym : metaphysics, philosophy of being, study of existence

(1) medical **ontology**, (2) **ontology** theory

The **ontology** of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

semantics

n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

synonym : meaning, connotation, denotation

(1) lexical **semantics**, (2) information **semantics**

The **semantics** of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

correspondence

n. the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status

synonym : letters, closeness, likeness

(1) a business **correspondence**, (2) one-to-one **correspondence**

The results of the two experiments were in **correspondence**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

theology

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief
synonym: divinity, religion, faith

(1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

theological

adj. relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity

synonym: religious, divine, spiritual

(1) a **theological** school, (2) **theological** virtue

The seminar will explore the **theological** foundations of the Christian faith.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym: final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**
My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**
Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye
This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup
It was his first **romantic** love.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
2. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
3. one-to-one cor_____nce *n.* the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status
4. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
5. ana_____al ability *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
6. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
7. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
8. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
9. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

ANSWERS: 1. principle, 2. platonic, 3. correspondence, 4. cast, 5. analytical, 6. synthesize, 7. translate, 8. razor, 9. niece

10. tr_____te the emotion to a movement
v. to convert or change words into another language
11. a reckless at_____t
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
12. in_____ce the daily life
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
13. ra__r blade
n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
14. c__t a ballot
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
15. an out_____ng new record
adj. superior to others in excellence; not yet paid, completed, etc.
16. an_____t stories
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
17. a the_____al school
adj. relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity
18. ro_____ic movies
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
19. gr__d bargain
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
20. eventually pe__r out
v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

ANSWERS: 10. translate, 11. attempt, 12. influence, 13. razor, 14. cast, 15. outstanding, 16. ancient, 17. theological, 18. romantic, 19. grand, 20. peter

21. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
22. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
23. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
24. a college of th____gy *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
25. pl____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
26. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
27. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
28. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
29. medical on____gy *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
30. an inf____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
31. teaching of 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

ANSWERS: 21. romantic, 22. niece, 23. define, 24. theology, 25. platonic, 26. logic, 27. ancient, 28. affair, 29. ontology, 30. influential, 31. Christ

32. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
33. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
34. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
35. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
36. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
37. remote an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
38. a letter of con_____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
39. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
40. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
41. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
42. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 32. attempt, 33. principle, 34. affair, 35. religion, 36. consolation, 37. antiquity, 38. consolation, 39. medieval, 40. addition, 41. Catholic, 42. individual

43. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
44. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
45. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
46. 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
47. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
48. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
49. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
50. the _____al virtue *adj.* relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity
51. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 43. synthesize, 44. argument, 45. contribution, 46. Christ, 47. Catholic, 48. contrast, 49. addition, 50. theological, 51. discovery

52. de____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
53. th____gy student *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
54. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
55. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
56. lexical se____cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
57. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
58. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
59. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
60. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
61. an inf____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
62. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
63. on____gy theory *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence

ANSWERS: 52. decisive, 53. theology, 54. argument, 55. contrast, 56. semantics, 57. disappear, 58. grand, 59. discovery, 60. bleak, 61. influential, 62. roughly, 63. ontology

64. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
65. ana_____al approach *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
66. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
67. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
68. pay out_____ng debts *adj.* superior to others in excellence; not yet paid, completed, etc.
69. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
70. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
71. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
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ANSWERS: 64. contribution, 65. analytical, 66. logic, 67. define, 68. outstanding, 69. encompass, 70. saint, 71. saint, 72. roughly

73. a private ind_____al
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
74. me_____al history
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
75. re_____on sociology
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
76. pr____r a window seat
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
77. western phi_____hy
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
78. break dis_____ne
n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
79. di_____ar after a week
v. to cease to exist or be visible
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v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
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n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 73. individual, 74. medieval, 75. religion, 76. prefer, 77. philosophy, 78. discipline, 79. disappear, 80. decisive, 81. prefer, 82. encompass, 83. influence

84. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
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ANSWERS: 84. discipline, 85. correspondence, 86. semantics, 87. bleak, 88. philosophy, 89. antiquity, 90. peter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
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n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
3. The _____ of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.
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9. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.

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10. The music just _____ out.

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42. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
- n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

ANSWERS: 34. philosophy, 35. theology, 36. logic, 37. influence, 38. religion, 39. correspondence, 40. Translate, 41. grand, 42. saint's

43. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

44. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

45. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 43. influential, 44. define, 45. encompass