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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. remote an____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
3. unrecorded an____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
4. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
5. syn____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
6. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
7. 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
8. on____gy theory *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
9. a letter of con____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
10. pl____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
11. 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

ANSWERS: 1. Catholic, 2. antiquity, 3. antiquity, 4. razor, 5. synthesize, 6. niece, 7. Catholic, 8. ontology, 9. consolation, 10. platonic, 11. Christ

12. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
13. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
14. 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
15. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
16. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
17. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
18. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
19. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
20. medical on_____gy *n.* a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
21. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
22. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

ANSWERS: 12. encompass, 13. bleak, 14. Christ, 15. razor, 16. bleak, 17. niece, 18. platonic, 19. consolation, 20. ontology, 21. encompass, 22. synthesize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.
v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
2. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
3. The study of _____ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.
n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
4. The _____ of the universe is a complex and constantly evolving concept.
n. a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being and the existence
5. 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
6. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.
n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
7. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
8. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of 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

ANSWERS: 1. synthesize, 2. niece, 3. antiquity, 4. ontology, 5. encompass, 6. razor, 7. bleak, 8. Christmas

9. Your company has been a great _____ to me.

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

10. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

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

11. His relationship with her was completely _____.

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

ANSWERS: 9. consolation, 10. catholic, 11. platonic