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Session 1: Word List

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**.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym : renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

stagnation

n. a state of inaction or lack of progress

synonym : stillness, inactivity, inactiveness

(1) drawn-out **stagnation**, (2) blood **stagnation**

The economy suffered from **stagnation** for several years.

northward

adv. in a direction toward the north

synonym: north, northerly

(1) extend **northward**, (2) move **northward**

The road gradually turned **northward** as they continued their journey.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

synonym: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

hidebound

adj. extremely traditional and unwilling to change; unyielding

synonym: inflexible, rigid, stiff

(1) **hidebound** bureaucracy, (2) **hidebound** conservative

The **hidebound** tradition refused to adapt to changing circumstances.

inquisitive

adj. having the desire to inquire, investigate or learn

synonym: curious, eager to learn, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** personality

The **inquisitive** child always asked questions and wanted to know more.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm**

opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

magnificence

n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

synonym : grandeur, splendor, elegance

(1) incomparable **magnificence**, (2) the **magnificence** of classical music

The **magnificence** of the palace was breathtaking.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

treatise

n. a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way

synonym : essay, dissertation, thesis

(1) collective **treatise**, (2) the subject of a **treatise**

He wrote a **treatise** on the history of philosophy, covering the ideas and theories of major philosophers.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
2. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
3. the mag_____nce of classical music *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired
4. extend no_____rd *adv.* in a direction toward the north
5. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
6. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. move no_____rd *adv.* in a direction toward the north
8. blood sta_____on *n.* a state of inaction or lack of progress
9. inq_____ve personality *adj.* having the desire to inquire, investigate or learn
10. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
11. re_____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

ANSWERS: 1. overwhelm, 2. dedicate, 3. magnificence, 4. northward, 5. profoundly, 6. firsthand, 7. northward, 8. stagnation, 9. inquisitive, 10. intellect, 11. rebirth

12. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
13. grow to be ob_____nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
14. drawn-out sta_____on *n.* a state of inaction or lack of progress
15. the subject of a tr_____se *n.* a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way
16. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
17. 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
18. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
19. hi_____nd conservative *adj.* extremely traditional and unwilling to change; unyielding
20. 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
21. ob_____nt dog *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
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23. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

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29. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
30. incomparable mag_____nce *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

ANSWERS: 24. rebirth, 25. hidebound, 26. firsthand, 27. treatise, 28. Renaissance, 29. intellect, 30. magnificence

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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13. The _____ child always asked questions and wanted to know more.
adj. having the desire to inquire, investigate or learn
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ANSWERS: 8. treatise, 9. stagnation, 10. intellect, 11. rebirth, 12. obedient, 13. inquisitive, 14. hidebound, 15. firsthand