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## Session 1: Word List

### preeminent

*adj.* superior, excellent, and surpassing others in a specific field

*synonym* : outstanding, supreme, exceptional

(1) **preeminent** firm, (2) **preeminent** in technical skill

She was considered the **preeminent** expert in her field.

### chivalry

*n.* a code of behavior for knights in the Middle Ages, characterized by honor, bravery, and courtesy, especially toward women

*synonym* : gallantry, heroism, bravery

(1) age of **chivalry**, (2) romance of **chivalry**

The code of **chivalry** requires knights to be brave and honor women.

### bemused

*adj.* having a feeling of being amused and puzzled at the same time, often because of something unexpected

*synonym* : amused, bewildered, perplexed

(1) **bemused** expression, (2) **bemused** audience

He was **bemused** by the strange turn of events.

### enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym* : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## squire

*n.* a young man of noble birth who acted as an attendant or shield bearer to a knight in the Middle Ages; a man of high social status, especially a landed property owner

*synonym* : assistant, attendant, aide

(1) **squire** responsibility, (2) the king's faithful **squire**

The country **squire** assisted the knight in battles and was his trusted aide.

## illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking knowledge in a particular field

*synonym* : uneducated, unlearned, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) **illiterate** adult

He was **illiterate** and could not read the instructions.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## misadventure

*n.* an unfortunate or unlucky event or experience, especially one caused by one's actions

*synonym* : mishap, misfortune, accident

(1) **misadventure** in business, (2) **misadventure** travel

The mountaineer's summit attempt turned into a **misadventure** when he got lost in a snowstorm.

## misinterpret

*v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way

*synonym* : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data  
He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

### **innkeeper**

*n.* a person who operates a place of lodging, such as a hotel or an inn

*synonym* : hotelier, host, landlord

(1) **innkeeper** duties, (2) **innkeeper** hospitality

The kind **innkeeper** showed the travelers to their room and offered them a warm meal.

### **prostitute**

*n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

*synonym* : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

### **monk**

*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

*synonym* : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

### **enchant**

*v.* to cast a spell or charm over someone or something, to captivate or fascinate

*synonym* : beguile, captivate, spellbind

(1) **enchant** audience, (2) **enchant** him with a charm

The storybook prince **enchanted** the young girl.

### **windmill**

*n.* a machine that converts wind power into rotational energy, often used for generating electricity

*synonym* : wind turbine, wind generator, wind pump

(1) **windmill** farm, (2) **windmill** blade

The solar **windmill** was used to generate electricity for the small village.

## 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.

## indifferent

*adj.* having no strong feeling or preference; neutral

*synonym*: uninterested, apathetic, neutral

(1) **indifferent** attitude, (2) an **indifferent** glance

The doctor remained **indifferent** to the patient's pleas for a second opinion.

## parody

*n.* a comedic or satirical imitation of serious work intended to ridicule or criticize

*synonym*: spoof, satire, mockery

(1) political **parody**, (2) **parody** song

The play was a **parody** of a famous Shakespearean tragedy.

## homage

*n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

*synonym*: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

## staple

*adj.* important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry

*synonym*: basic, essential, fundamental

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** ingredient

Rice is a **staple** food in many Asian countries.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym*: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## cohesive

*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together  
*synonym*: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

## ironic

*adj.* a situation or event that is opposite of what is expected; the use of words to mean the opposite of their literal or original meaning

*synonym*: paradoxical, sarcastic, absurd

(1) **ironic** twist, (2) **ironic** consequence

It's **ironic** that the rain started just as they finished building the new picnic shelter.

## postmodern

*adj.* relating to a style or movement in art, architecture, and criticism that reacts against earlier modernist principles and seeks to break down boundaries between high and low culture

*synonym*: contemporary, modern, present-day

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** society

The **postmodern** building was designed with unconventional shapes and colors.

## derision

*n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery

*synonym*: ridicule, contempt, mocking

(1) laugh in **derision**, (2) bitter **derision**

The audience greeted the comedian's jokes with **derision**.

## buffoon

*n.* a foolish or comical person, especially one who is the butt of ridicule; someone who acts in a silly or exaggerated manner

*synonym*: clown, fool, jester

(1) play the **buffoon**, (2) **buffoon** character

The CEO's foolish decisions turned him into a **buffoon** of the business world.

## **courageous**

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym* : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

## **precis**

*v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

*synonym* : summarize, abstract, digest

(1) **precis** the contents of a book, (2) a **precis** of recent advances in AI

He **precis** this lengthy report in two pages.

## **protagonist**

*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

*synonym* : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

## **timeless**

*adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

*synonym* : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pre\_\_\_\_\_nt firm *adj.* superior, excellent, and surpassing others in a specific field
2. st\_\_\_e ingredient *adj.* important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry
3. sq\_\_\_e responsibility *n.* a young man of noble birth who acted as an attendant or shield bearer to a knight in the Middle Ages; a man of high social status, especially a landed property owner
4. play a pro\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
5. a he\_\_\_c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
6. in\_\_\_\_\_er duties *n.* a person who operates a place of lodging, such as a hotel or an inn
7. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
8. mis\_\_\_\_\_ure in business *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky event or experience, especially one caused by one's actions
9. pos\_\_\_\_\_rn society *adj.* relating to a style or movement in art, architecture, and criticism that reacts against earlier modernist principles and seeks to break down boundaries between high and low culture

ANSWERS: 1. preeminent, 2. staple, 3. squire, 4. protagonist, 5. heroic, 6. innkeeper, 7. misinterpret, 8. misadventure, 9. postmodern

10. pro\_\_\_\_\_st of drama      *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. play the bu\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a foolish or comical person, especially one who is the butt of ridicule; someone who acts in a silly or exaggerated manner
12. ill\_\_\_\_\_te adult      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking knowledge in a particular field
13. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class      *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
14. vassal ho\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
15. romance of ch\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a code of behavior for knights in the Middle Ages, characterized by honor, bravery, and courtesy, especially toward women
16. en\_\_\_\_\_t him with a charm      *v.* to cast a spell or charm over someone or something, to captivate or fascinate
17. a pr\_\_\_\_\_s of recent advances in AI      *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
18. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll blade      *n.* a machine that converts wind power into rotational energy, often used for generating electricity
19. en\_\_\_\_\_t for a soldier      *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 10. protagonist, 11. buffoon, 12. illiterate, 13. peasant, 14. homage, 15. chivalry, 16. enchant, 17. precis, 18. windmill, 19. enlist



20. he\_\_\_c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
21. mis\_\_\_\_\_ure travel *n.* an unfortunate or unlucky event or experience, especially one caused by one's actions
22. a male pro\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
23. cloistered m\_\_k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
24. an ind\_\_\_\_\_nt glance *adj.* having no strong feeling or preference; neutral
25. age of ch\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a code of behavior for knights in the Middle Ages, characterized by honor, bravery, and courtesy, especially toward women
26. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
27. laugh in de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
28. ir\_\_\_c consequence *adj.* a situation or event that is opposite of what is expected; the use of words to mean the opposite of their literal or original meaning
29. pa\_\_\_y song *n.* a comedic or satirical imitation of serious work intended to ridicule or criticize

ANSWERS: 20. heroic, 21. misadventure, 22. prostitute, 23. monk, 24. indifferent, 25. chivalry, 26. peasant, 27. derision, 28. ironic, 29. parody

30. pr\_\_\_s the contents of a book      *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
31. m\_\_k lifestyle      *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
32. in\_\_\_\_\_er hospitality      *n.* a person who operates a place of lodging, such as a hotel or an inn
33. pre\_\_\_\_\_nt in technical skill      *adj.* superior, excellent, and surpassing others in a specific field
34. be\_\_\_\_\_d expression      *adj.* having a feeling of being amused and puzzled at the same time, often because of something unexpected
35. paying ho\_\_\_e to tradition      *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
36. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll farm      *n.* a machine that converts wind power into rotational energy, often used for generating electricity
37. ir\_\_\_c twist      *adj.* a situation or event that is opposite of what is expected; the use of words to mean the opposite of their literal or original meaning
38. co\_\_\_\_\_ve ability      *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
39. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss topic      *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
40. en\_\_\_t in a cause      *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 30. precis, 31. monk, 32. innkeeper, 33. preeminent, 34. bemused, 35. homage, 36. windmill, 37. ironic, 38. cohesive, 39. timeless, 40. enlist

41. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
42. political pa\_\_\_\_y *n.* a comedic or satirical imitation of serious work intended to ridicule or criticize
43. 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
44. st\_\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry
45. bu\_\_\_\_\_n character *n.* a foolish or comical person, especially one who is the butt of ridicule; someone who acts in a silly or exaggerated manner
46. en\_\_\_\_\_t audience *v.* to cast a spell or charm over someone or something, to captivate or fascinate
47. highly co\_\_\_\_\_ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
48. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking knowledge in a particular field
49. 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
50. pos\_\_\_\_\_rn art *adj.* relating to a style or movement in art, architecture, and criticism that reacts against earlier modernist principles and seeks to break down boundaries between high and low culture

ANSWERS: 41. courageous, 42. parody, 43. dedicate, 44. staple, 45. buffoon, 46. enchant, 47. cohesive, 48. illiterate, 49. dedicate, 50. postmodern

51. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_us decision      *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
52. pro\_\_\_\_\_te street      *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
53. the king's faithful sq\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a young man of noble birth who acted as an attendant or shield bearer to a knight in the Middle Ages; a man of high social status, especially a landed property owner
54. ti\_\_\_\_\_ss masterpiece      *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
55. ind\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude      *adj.* having no strong feeling or preference; neutral
56. mis\_\_\_\_\_ret the data      *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
57. be\_\_\_\_\_d audience      *adj.* having a feeling of being amused and puzzled at the same time, often because of something unexpected
58. bitter de\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery

ANSWERS: 51. courageous, 52. prostitute, 53. squire, 54. timeless, 55. indifferent, 56. misinterpret, 57. bemused, 58. derision

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.  
*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
2. The country \_\_\_\_\_ assisted the knight in battles and was his trusted aide.  
*n.* a young man of noble birth who acted as an attendant or shield bearer to a knight in the Middle Ages; a man of high social status, especially a landed property owner
3. The solar \_\_\_\_\_ was used to generate electricity for the small village.  
*n.* a machine that converts wind power into rotational energy, often used for generating electricity
4. The doctor remained \_\_\_\_\_ to the patient's pleas for a second opinion.  
*adj.* having no strong feeling or preference; neutral
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ this lengthy report in two pages.  
*v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.  
*n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
8. He was \_\_\_\_\_ by the strange turn of events.  
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ANSWERS: 1. courageous, 2. squire, 3. windmill, 4. indifferent, 5. heroic, 6. precis, 7. protagonist's, 8. bemused

9. He was \_\_\_\_\_ and could not read the instructions.

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking knowledge in a particular field

10. She turned to \_\_\_\_\_ to make ends meet.

*n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was designed with unconventional shapes and colors.

*adj.* relating to a style or movement in art, architecture, and criticism that reacts against earlier modernist principles and seeks to break down boundaries between high and low culture

12. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to his most remarkable work.

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14. He \_\_\_\_\_ her statement and got the wrong idea.

*v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way

15. It's \_\_\_\_\_ that the rain started just as they finished building the new picnic shelter.

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16. The code of \_\_\_\_\_ requires knights to be brave and honor women.

*n.* a code of behavior for knights in the Middle Ages, characterized by honor, bravery, and courtesy, especially toward women

ANSWERS: 9. illiterate, 10. prostitute, 11. postmodern, 12. timeless, 13. preeminent, 14. misinterpreted, 15. ironic, 16. chivalry

17. The play was a \_\_\_\_\_ of a famous Shakespearean tragedy.

*n.* a comedic or satirical imitation of serious work intended to ridicule or criticize

18. The kind \_\_\_\_\_ showed the travelers to their room and offered them a warm meal.

*n.* a person who operates a place of lodging, such as a hotel or an inn

19. The mountaineer's summit attempt turned into a \_\_\_\_\_ when he got lost in a snowstorm.

*n.* an unfortunate or unlucky event or experience, especially one caused by one's actions

20. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to the retiring athlete.

*n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

21. He skillfully combines these fragments into a \_\_\_\_\_ whole.

*adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

22. The audience greeted the comedian's jokes with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery

23. The CEO's foolish decisions turned him into a \_\_\_\_\_ of the business world.

*n.* a foolish or comical person, especially one who is the butt of ridicule; someone who acts in a silly or exaggerated manner

24. Rice is a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many Asian countries.

*adj.* important, basic, or essential to something or someone; forming an integral part of a particular diet or industry

ANSWERS: 17. parody, 18. innkeeper, 19. misadventure, 20. homage, 21. cohesive, 22. derision, 23. buffoon, 24. staple

25. The storybook prince \_\_\_\_\_ the young girl.
- v. to cast a spell or charm over someone or something, to captivate or fascinate
26. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.
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27. The ascetic \_\_\_\_\_ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
28. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the military after graduating from high school.
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- n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 25. enchanted, 26. dedicated, 27. monk, 28. enlist, 29. peasant,