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Session 1: Word List

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.

inanimate

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

synonym : lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

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.

scion

n. a descendant or heir, especially of a wealthy or influential family

synonym : heir, descendant, offspring

(1) a **scion** of nobility, (2) **scion** of an old family

The **scion** of a wealthy family, he was groomed from a young age to take over the family business.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

lament

v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

synonym : mourn, grieve, bemoan

(1) **lament** my misfortunes, (2) **lament** the situation

She **lamented** the loss of her beloved cat.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

fresco

n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image

synonym : mural, painting, wall art

(1) medieval **fresco**, (2) **fresco** secco

The **fresco** paintings in the church were over 500 years old.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

basilica

n. a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area

(1) Saint Peter's **Basilica**, (2) ancient Roman **basilicas**

The **basilica's** architecture was characterized by a long central nave, with aisles on either side and a large apse at one end, often used as a sanctuary.

flay

v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment

synonym: bark, remove skin, hide

(1) **flay** an ox, (2) **flay** him as a con artist

Critics **flayed** the latest movie for its lack of originality and cliched storyline.

martyr

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

synonym: sufferer, saint

(1) X-ray **martyrs**, (2) a Christian **martyr**

He died a **martyr** to science.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top

synonym: upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books
The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

Session 2: Spelling

1. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
2. sc__n of an old family
n. a descendant or heir, especially of a wealthy or influential family
3. ai_____ne troop
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
4. sit a__p a stack of books
adv. on, to, or at the top
5. f__y an ox
v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
6. accurately po_____y the condition
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
7. ai_____ne particles
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
8. X-ray ma_____rs
n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
9. sc_____or studio
n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
10. secret s__t
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
11. s__t beliefs
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ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. scion, 3. airborne, 4. atop, 5. flay, 6. portray, 7. airborne, 8. martyr, 9. sculptor, 10. sect, 11. sect

12. medieval fr___o *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
13. sc___t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
14. la___t my misfortunes *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
15. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
16. in_____te matter *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
17. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
18. sc___t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
19. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
20. in_____te nature *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
21. f__y him as a con artist *v.* to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
22. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
23. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

ANSWERS: 12. fresco, 13. sculpt, 14. lament, 15. carve, 16. inanimate, 17. extravagant, 18. sculpt, 19. drape, 20. inanimate, 21. flay, 22. consciously, 23. drape

24. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
25. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
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29. Saint Peter's Ba_____ca *n.* a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area
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35. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
36. stand a__p *adv.* on, to, or at the top
37. fr___o secco *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
38. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 35. papal, 36. atop, 37. fresco, 38. papal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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