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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### facade

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

*synonym* : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

### 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.

### testament

*n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

*synonym* : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

## 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.

## vanquish

*v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

*synonym* : conquer, triumph over, defeat

(1) **vanquish** an opponent, (2) **vanquish** a fear

The army successfully **vanquished** their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

## spoil

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym* : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## piazza

*n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place

*synonym* : square, plaza, market

(1) **piazza** fountain, (2) **piazza** seating

The famous **piazza** was filled with people enjoying the sun and chatting with each other.

## victorious

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

*synonym* : triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

## poise

*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

*synonym* : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

## 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.

## bulge

*v.* to protrude or extend outward

*synonym* : protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books

The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

## slay

*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

*synonym* : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

## oversize

*adj.* larger than the normal or standard size

*synonym* : large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

### **anecdote**

*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

*synonym*: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

### **biographer**

*n.* a person who writes the story of another person

*synonym*: writer, historian, author

(1) **biographer** of a famous person, (2) **biographer's** research

The respected **biographer** spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.

### **pretended**

*adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

*synonym*: feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase

His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

### **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.

### **exclaim**

*v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion

*synonym*: shout, cry out, yell

(1) **exclaim** in joy, (2) **exclaim** in surprise

She **exclaimed** excitedly when she saw her name on the list of winners.

- pelt** v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily  
*synonym*: hurl, fling, throw  
(1) **pelt** him with stones, (2) **pelt** with questions  
The crowd **pelted** the stage with bottles and cans in protest.
- exile** n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons  
*synonym*: banishment, expulsion, deportation  
(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**  
The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- riot** n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals  
*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval  
(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas  
The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- enclose** v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include  
*synonym*: surround, encase, contain  
(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area  
The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.
- deranged** *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad  
*synonym*: insane, crazy, mad  
(1) **deranged** mind, (2) mentally **deranged** person  
His **deranged** behavior frightened everyone.
- smashing** *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed  
*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking  
(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

### **distill**

*v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

*synonym*: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

### **buildup**

*n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time

*synonym*: accumulation, increase, growth

(1) lactic acid **buildup**, (2) huge military **buildup**

The **buildup** of stress over time can lead to health problems.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pi\_\_\_a seating  
*n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place
2. sc\_\_\_t an image  
*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
3. sc\_\_\_t prototype  
*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
4. he\_\_\_c explorers  
*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
5. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy  
*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
6. en\_\_\_\_\_e a check with a letter  
*v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
7. aesthetic po\_\_\_e  
*n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
8. en\_\_\_\_\_e area  
*v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
9. r\_\_t police  
*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 1. piazza, 2. sculpt, 3. sculpt, 4. heroic, 5. distort, 6. enclose, 7. poise, 8. enclose, 9. riot

10. te\_\_\_\_\_nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
11. ca\_\_e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
12. sp\_\_l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
13. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
14. ov\_\_\_\_\_ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
15. renowned sc\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
16. ex\_\_\_\_\_m in joy *v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
17. fa\_\_\_\_\_e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
18. ex\_\_\_\_\_m in surprise *v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
19. huge military bu\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time
20. di\_\_\_\_\_l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
21. sp\_\_l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
22. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. testament, 11. carve, 12. spoil, 13. smashing, 14. oversize, 15. sculptor, 16. exclaim, 17. facade, 18. exclaim, 19. buildup, 20. distill, 21. spoil, 22. victorious



23. de\_\_\_\_ed mind *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad
24. political ex\_\_e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
25. personal an\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
26. bu\_\_e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
27. p\_\_t him with stones *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
28. make a pr\_\_\_\_ed purchase *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
29. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
30. ex\_\_e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
31. pi\_\_\_a fountain *n.* an open public square or marketplace in an Italian town, often surrounded by buildings and often used as a gathering place
32. bio\_\_\_\_er's research *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
33. va\_\_\_\_sh an opponent *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
34. bu\_\_e with books *v.* to protrude or extend outward

ANSWERS: 23. deranged, 24. exile, 25. anecdote, 26. bulge, 27. pelt, 28. pretended, 29. carve, 30. exile, 31. piazza, 32. biographer, 33. vanquish, 34. bulge

35. pr\_\_\_\_\_ed illness *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
36. ov\_\_\_\_\_ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
37. with easy po\_\_\_e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
38. r\_\_t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
39. 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
40. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
41. the outside fa\_\_\_e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
42. 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
43. sc\_\_\_\_\_or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
44. di\_\_\_\_\_l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
45. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 35. pretended, 36. oversize, 37. poise, 38. riot, 39. cathedral, 40. smashing, 41. facade, 42. cathedral, 43. sculptor, 44. distill, 45. distort

46. s\_\_y civilians v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
47. p\_\_t with questions v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
48. a he\_\_\_c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
49. mentally de\_\_\_\_\_ed person *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad
50. s\_\_y a dragon v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
51. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
52. va\_\_\_\_\_sh a fear v. to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
53. funny an\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
54. bio\_\_\_\_\_er of a famous person *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
55. lactic acid bu\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time
56. give properties by te\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

ANSWERS: 46. slay, 47. pelt, 48. heroic, 49. deranged, 50. slay, 51. victorious, 52. vanquish, 53. anecdote, 54. biographer, 55. buildup, 56. testament

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ troops marched back to their homeland.  
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*v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
3. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.  
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4. The army successfully \_\_\_\_\_ their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.  
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ANSWERS: 1. victorious, 2. enclosed, 3. smashing, 4. vanquished, 5. heroic, 6. pelted, 7. deranged, 8. distort

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ANSWERS: 9. exiled, 10. carved, 11. cathedral's, 12. sculpting, 13. spoil, 14. bulged, 15. oversize, 16. buildup, 17. anecdotes

18. The respected \_\_\_\_\_ spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.  
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ANSWERS: 18. biographer, 19. slayed, 20. exclaimed, 21. poise, 22. riots, 23. distill, 24. pretended, 25. testament, 26. sculptor

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ANSWERS: 27. facade, 28. piazza