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## Session 1: Word List

### aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym:* elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

### motet

*n.* a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms

*synonym:* anthem, hymn, psalm

(1) **motet** compositions, (2) **motet** lyrics

The choir sang a beautiful **motet** during the church service.

### anthem

*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

*synonym:* hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

### hymn

*n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

*synonym* : psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

## outgrowth

*n.* a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances

*synonym* : emergence, development, expansion

(1) natural **outgrowth**, (2) abnormal bony **outgrowth**

The new housing development was an **outgrowth** of the city's plan to revitalize the area.

## quartet

*n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

*synonym* : ensemble, group, four

(1) string **quartet**, (2) jazz **quartet**

The **quartet** played a beautiful piece of music together.

## concerto

*n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

*synonym* : symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

## unison

*n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

*synonym* : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

## baroque

*adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

*synonym* : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym*: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## libretto

*n.* the text of an opera or other long vocal work

*synonym*: script, text, lyrics

(1) the printed **libretto**, (2) the **libretto** of the musical

The **libretto** of the opera was written in Italian.

## oratorio

*n.* a long musical composition for solo voices, choir, and orchestra, typically on a religious theme

*synonym*: cantata

(1) popular **oratorio**, (2) choruses in the **oratorio**

The choir performed a stunning **oratorio** that was composed by Handel.

## programmatic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a systematic plan or program, especially one implemented using computers or other methods

*synonym*: systematic, planned, programmed

(1) make a **programmatic** decision, (2) **programmatic** framework

The advertising platform uses a **programmatic** approach to match ads to relevant websites and mobile apps automatically.

## symphony

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

*synonym*: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## **ripieno**

*n.* a musical term used to describe the full orchestral sound of a Baroque concerto, typically played by the strings and consisting of a repeating bass line with simple harmonies

*synonym*: orchestral sound, full sound, repeating bass line

(1) **ripieno** part, (2) **ripieno** ensemble

The **ripieno** section of the concerto was performed by a large ensemble of strings, creating a rich and full sound.

## **soloist**

*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

*synonym*: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.

## **melodic**

*adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

*synonym*: harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

## **liturgy**

*n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church

*synonym*: rite, service, ceremony

(1) divine **liturgy**, (2) **liturgy** of a church

The **liturgy** for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

## **choral**

*adj.* sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.

*synonym*: vocal, singing, chorus

(1) **choral** music, (2) sing in a **choral** society

The **choral** director worked with the singers to perfect their harmonies.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sy____ny orchestra        | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements  |
| 2. the li____to of the musical | <i>n.</i> the text of an opera or other long vocal work  |
| 3. ri____o ensemble            | <i>n.</i> a musical term used to describe the full orchestral sound of a Baroque concerto, typically played by the strings and consisting of a repeating bass line with simple harmonies |
| 4. sing in a ch____l society   | <i>adj.</i> sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.   |
| 5. natural ou____th            | <i>n.</i> a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances  |
| 6. li____y of a church         | <i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church  |
| 7. choruses in the or____io    | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition for solo voices, choir, and orchestra, typically on a religious theme   |
| 8. an____m singer              | <i>n.</i> a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause   |
| 9. jazz qu____t                | <i>n.</i> a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group  |

ANSWERS: 1. symphony, 2. libretto, 3. ripieno, 4. choral, 5. outgrowth, 6. liturgy, 7. oratorio, 8. anthem, 9. quartet

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| 10. a national an___m          | <i>n.</i> a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause   |
| 11. ch___l music               | <i>adj.</i> sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.   |
| 12. po___c genius              | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way                    |
| 13. h___n tune                 | <i>n.</i> a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony   |
| 14. pro____tic framework       | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a systematic plan or program, especially one implemented using computers or other methods  |
| 15. piano co____to             | <i>n.</i> a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements  |
| 16. ri____o part               | <i>n.</i> a musical term used to describe the full orchestral sound of a Baroque concerto, typically played by the strings and consisting of a repeating bass line with simple harmonies |
| 17. a sacred h___n             | <i>n.</i> a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony   |
| 18. mo___t lyrics              | <i>n.</i> a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms                                  |
| 19. make a pro____tic decision | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a systematic plan or program, especially one implemented using computers or other methods  |

ANSWERS: 10. anthem, 11. choral, 12. poetic, 13. hymn, 14. programmatic, 15. concerto, 16. ripieno, 17. hymn, 18. motet, 19. programmatic

20. ba____e architecture	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
21. the blue-blooded ari____cy	<i>n.</i> a group of persons with high social status
22. divine li____y	<i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
23. abnormal bony ou____th	<i>n.</i> a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances
24. string qu____t	<i>n.</i> a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
25. a vocal so____t	<i>n.</i> a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
26. so____t musician	<i>n.</i> a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
27. member of the ari____cy	<i>n.</i> a group of persons with high social status
28. violin co____to	<i>n.</i> a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
29. a beautiful sy____ny	<i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 20. baroque, 21. aristocracy, 22. liturgy, 23. outgrowth, 24. quartet, 25. soloist, 26. soloist, 27. aristocracy, 28. concerto, 29. symphony



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| 30. me____c scale               | <i>adj.</i> having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music  |
| 31. transcribe me____c patterns | <i>adj.</i> having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music  |
| 32. clap the hands in un____n   | <i>n.</i> occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves  |
| 33. ba____e music               | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama |
| 34. mo__t compositions          | <i>n.</i> a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms   |
| 35. po____c justice             | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way   |
| 36. singing in un____n          | <i>n.</i> occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves  |
| 37. popular or____io            | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition for solo voices, choir, and orchestra, typically on a religious theme  |
| 38. the printed li____to        | <i>n.</i> the text of an opera or other long vocal work   |

ANSWERS: 30. melodic, 31. melodic, 32. unison, 33. baroque, 34. motet, 35. poetic, 36. unison, 37. oratorio, 38. libretto

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ played a beautiful piece of music together.  
*n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
2. The choir sang a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ during the church service.  
*n.* a type of choral music that originated in the Middle Ages and is characterized by the use of complex polyphonic texture and elaborate rhythms
3. The choir performed a stunning \_\_\_\_\_ that was composed by Handel.  
*n.* a long musical composition for solo voices, choir, and orchestra, typically on a religious theme
4. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.  
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*n.* a musical term used to describe the full orchestral sound of a Baroque concerto, typically played by the strings and consisting of a repeating bass line with simple harmonies
6. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.  
*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
7. They saluted in \_\_\_\_\_ to the captain.  
*n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

ANSWERS: 1. quartet, 2. motet, 3. oratorio, 4. symphony, 5. ripieno, 6. poetic, 7. unison

8. The congregation sang the \_\_\_\_\_ during the service.  
*n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
9. The new housing development was an \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's plan to revitalize the area.  
*n.* a thing that has grown or developed from something else, especially as a result of a particular process or set of circumstances
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.  
*n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
11. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano \_\_\_\_\_.  
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12. She played a \_\_\_\_\_ piece on the piano.  
*adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
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14. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was the highlight of the concert.  
*n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ director worked with the singers to perfect their harmonies.  
*adj.* sung or performed by a choir; of or relating to a choir or choral music.

ANSWERS: 8. hymn, 9. outgrowth, 10. liturgy, 11. concerto, 12. melodic, 13. programmatic, 14. soloist's, 15. choral

16. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

17. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the \_\_\_\_\_ style.

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18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the opera was written in Italian.

*n.* the text of an opera or other long vocal work

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country was played during the ceremony.

*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

ANSWERS: 16. aristocracy, 17. baroque, 18. libretto, 19. anthem