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Session 1: Word List

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

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.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym: ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym: cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**

Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

stylus

n. a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device

synonym: pen, pointer, cursor

(1) **stylus** pen, (2) **stylus** pocket

Many artists prefer to use a **stylus** over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

excavation

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

synonym: digging, mining, unearthing

(1) fossil **excavation**, (2) **excavation** work

The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

amphitheater

n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

synonym: arena, stadium, coliseum

(1) outdoor **amphitheater**, (2) ancient **amphitheater**

The performers took to the stage in the **amphitheater's** center, surrounded by cheering fans.

gladiator

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

synonym: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly
The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

clod

n. a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person
synonym: lump, blockhead, dullard

(1) behave like a **clod**, (2) **clod** crusher

I stepped on a **clod** of mud and nearly slipped on the wet ground.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
synonym: winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

cursive

adj. written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy

synonym: flowing, joined-up, script

(1) **cursive** letter, (2) **cursive** script

The teacher encouraged the students to improve their **cursive** handwriting skills.

bathhouse

n. a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools

synonym: spa, sauna, steam room

(1) Turkish **bathhouse**, (2) a public **bathhouse**

After a long day of work, she went to the **bathhouse** to relax in the sauna and hot tub.

intersperse

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

synonym: scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to

break up the text and make it more engaging.

utilitarian

adj. designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious

synonym: functional, practical, pragmatic

(1) **utilitarian** design, (2) **utilitarian** economics

The kitchen is designed with a **utilitarian** approach, focusing on practicality rather than aesthetics.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

prima

adj. of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position

synonym: primary, first-rate, top-notch

(1) **prima** facie, (2) **prima** donna

The **prima** ballerina wowed the audience with her graceful performance.

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.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

underline

v. to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **underline** the vision, (2) **underline** the key points
He **underlined** the important points in the document.

interpunct

n. a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words

synonym: midpoint, dot, period

(1) **interpunct** symbol, (2) **interpunct** key

The proofreader added an **interpunct** to separate the compound word into two distinct parts.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

partridge

n. a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body

synonym: game bird, grouse, pheasant

(1) as plump as a **partridge**, (2) a **partridge** in a pear tree

The hunter set out early in the morning for a **partridge** for his dinner.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

accentuate

v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive

The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym: mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
2. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
3. uti_____an design *adj.* designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious
4. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
5. 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
6. as plump as a pa_____ge *n.* a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body
7. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
8. we are st__ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
9. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 1. farewell, 2. labyrinth, 3. utilitarian, 4. graffiti, 5. facade, 6. partridge, 7. labyrinth, 8. stump, 9. flourish

10. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
11. funerary ins_____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
12. ta__y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
13. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
14. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. the outright vi____r *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
16. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
17. er_____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
18. st____s pocket *n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
19. a public ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
20. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

ANSWERS: 10. amaze, 11. inscription, 12. tally, 13. scribble, 14. tweet, 15. victor, 16. inventive, 17. eruption, 18. stylus, 19. bathhouse, 20. plaster

21. un_____ne the vision *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
22. the Christian gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
23. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
24. Turkish ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
25. acc_____te the positive *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
26. ex_____m in joy *v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
27. exc_____on work *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
28. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
29. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 21. underline, 22. gladiator, 23. doodle, 24. bathhouse, 25. accentuate, 26. exclaim, 27. excavation, 28. chalk, 29. sham

30. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
31. fossil exc_____on *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
32. pr__a facie *adj.* of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
33. en____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
34. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
35. remote an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
36. pr__a donna *adj.* of the highest quality or importance; primary or first in rank or position
37. cu_____e letter *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
38. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
39. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
40. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 30. enslave, 31. excavation, 32. prima, 33. enslave, 34. archaeology, 35. antiquity, 36. prima, 37. cursive, 38. inscribe, 39. graffiti, 40. tweet

41. int_____se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
42. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
43. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
44. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
45. un_____ne the key points *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
46. emotional er_____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
47. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
48. int_____se his speech *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
49. unrecorded an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
50. 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

ANSWERS: 41. intersperse, 42. plaster, 43. greet, 44. inscribe, 45. underline, 46. eruption, 47. scribble, 48. intersperse, 49. antiquity, 50. facade

51. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
52. keep a ta__y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
53. outdoor amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
54. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
55. a pa_____ge in a pear tree *n.* a medium-sized game bird, often hunted for sport or food, with brown or gray feathers and a plump body
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57. the riddle st__ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
58. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
59. vi___r country *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
60. behave like a c__d *n.* a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person
61. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

ANSWERS: 51. boar, 52. tally, 53. amphitheater, 54. archaeology, 55. partridge, 56. interpunct, 57. stump, 58. sham, 59. victor, 60. clod, 61. excavate

62. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
63. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
64. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
65. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
66. int_____ct symbol *n.* a punctuation mark (·) used in some languages to separate words or syllables, especially in compound words
67. ex_____m in surprise *v.* to shout or cry out something suddenly, often in surprise or strong emotion
68. cu_____e script *adj.* written in flowing, joined-up script, often used in handwriting or calligraphy
69. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
70. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
71. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
72. act like a gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

ANSWERS: 62. amaze, 63. accentuate, 64. excavate, 65. inscription, 66. interpunct, 67. exclaim, 68. cursive, 69. greet, 70. inventive, 71. farewell, 72. gladiator

73. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
74. st___s pen *n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
75. ancient amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
76. uti_____an economics *adj.* designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious
77. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
78. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
79. c__d crusher *n.* a lump of earth or clay; a stupid or dull person
80. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

ANSWERS: 73. boar, 74. stylus, 75. amphitheater, 76. utilitarian, 77. flourish, 78. chalk, 79. clod, 80. doodle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
2. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.
n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
3. The performers took to the stage in the _____ center, surrounded by cheering fans.
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ANSWERS: 1. sham, 2. victor, 3. amphitheater's, 4. graffiti, 5. boar, 6. gladiator's, 7. clod

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ANSWERS: 16. inscribed, 17. scribbled, 18. excavation, 19. inventive, 20. bathhouse, 21. tally, 22. stylus, 23. partridge

24. She _____ excitedly when she saw her name on the list of winners.

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ANSWERS: 24. exclaimed, 25. labyrinth, 26. underlined, 27. flourished, 28. chalk, 29. stumped, 30. amazed, 31. tweet

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