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Session 1: Word List

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

viola

n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower

synonym: alto violin, viola da gamba, viola d'amore

(1) **viola** section, (2) pick up a **viola**

She had been playing the **viola** for over a decade.

virtuoso

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

synonym : master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a

stern warning from his parents.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

underserved

adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services

(1) **underserved** market, (2) traditionally **underserved**

This area is medically **underserved**.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

elitist

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

synonym: exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym: discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

mentorship

n. a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

synonym : guidance, coaching, tutorship

(1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

conservatory

n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

synonym : greenhouse, nursery, school

(1) **conservatory** of music, (2) **conservatory** plant

The **conservatory** program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

workspace

n. a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

synonym : office, studio, workplace

(1) **workspace** design, (2) shared **workspace**

I need a quiet **workspace** to concentrate on my project.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. under his men_____ip | <i>n.</i> a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person |
| 2. tr_____nd boundaries | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. nu_____e love | <i>v.</i> to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing |
| 5. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 6. dis_____ct for a customer | <i>n.</i> an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something |
| 7. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 8. easy qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 9. a vi_____so on the guitar | <i>n.</i> a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit |
| 10. traditionally und_____ed | <i>adj.</i> inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services |

ANSWERS: 1. mentorship, 2. transcend, 3. symphony, 4. nurture, 5. pandemic, 6. disrespect, 7. industrious, 8. quitter, 9. virtuoso, 10. underserved

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| 11. nu_____e his talents | <i>v.</i> to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing |
| 12. pick up a vi__a | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower |
| 13. shared wo_____ce | <i>n.</i> a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting |
| 14. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 15. exc_____ary clause | <i>adj.</i> tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others |
| 16. vi__a section | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower |
| 17. un_____ed market | <i>adj.</i> not yet used or exploited |
| 18. dis_____ue party | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 19. ina_____ble areas | <i>adj.</i> unable to travel to or reach; not available |
| 20. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 21. have as_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life |

ANSWERS: 11. nurture, 12. viola, 13. workspace, 14. industrious, 15. exclusionary, 16. viola, 17. untapped, 18. discotheque, 19. inaccessible, 20. opportune, 21. aspiring

22. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
23. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
24. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
25. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
26. pr_____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
27. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
28. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
29. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
30. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
31. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
32. wo_____ce design *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

ANSWERS: 22. disrespect, 23. discourage, 24. untapped, 25. exclusionary, 26. prosper, 27. discotheque, 28. brainstorming, 29. inaccessible, 30. mimic, 31. viol, 32. workspace

33. pr____r as a trading hub
v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
34. versatile vi____so
n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
35. as____ng prime minister
adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
36. v__l instrument
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
37. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. serial qu____r
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
39. el____t mentality
adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
40. und_____ed market
adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
41. flu pa____ic
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
42. up____d the law
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
43. tr_____nd limits
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 33. prosper, 34. virtuoso, 35. aspiring, 36. viol, 37. opportune, 38. quitter, 39. elitist, 40. underserved, 41. pandemic, 42. uphold, 43. transcend

44. men_____ip program *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
45. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
46. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
47. a beautiful sy_____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
48. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
49. con_____ory plant *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
50. con_____ory of music *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
51. el_____t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

ANSWERS: 44. mentorship, 45. uphold, 46. discourage, 47. symphony, 48. mimic, 49. conservatory, 50. conservatory, 51. elitist

52. bra_____ing session

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 52. brainstorming

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This area is medically _____.
adj. inadequately or insufficiently provided with help, products, or services
2. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
3. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
4. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
5. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
6. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
7. He was grateful for the _____ opportunity given to him by his supervisor.
n. a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
8. She had been playing the _____ for over a decade.
n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower

ANSWERS: 1. underserved, 2. quitter, 3. discotheque, 4. viol, 5. symphony, 6. mimic, 7. mentorship, 8. viola

9. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
11. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
12. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
13. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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14. The _____ program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.
n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
15. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
16. The new housing development faced criticism for its _____ policies towards lower-income residents.
adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

ANSWERS: 9. industrious, 10. brainstorming, 11. nurture, 12. uphold, 13. opportune, 14. conservatory, 15. transcended, 16. exclusionary

17. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

18. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

19. He was a _____ pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

20. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

21. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

22. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

adj. not yet used or exploited

23. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

24. I need a quiet _____ to concentrate on my project.

n. a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

ANSWERS: 17. inaccessible, 18. pandemic, 19. virtuoso, 20. prosper, 21. aspiring, 22. untapped, 23. disrespectful, 24. workspace

25. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

26. His _____ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

ANSWERS: 25. discourage, 26. elitist