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Session 1: Word List

unbathed

adj. not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned

synonym : unclean, unwashed, dirty

(1) **unbathed** person, (2) **unbathed** clothes

The athlete's **unbathed** and smelly gear needed to be washed urgently.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

chastity

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

synonym : purity, abstinence, virginity

(1) **chastity** belt, (2) purity and **chastity**

Some cultures see **chastity** as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym: gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

timespan

n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events

synonym: period, length of time, duration

(1) the **timespan** for the loan, (2) **timespan** of history

The **timespan** between the dinosaurs and the present is over 65 million years.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

purported

adj. claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or substantiated

synonym : alleged, claimed, supposed

(1) **purported** evidence, (2) **purported** biography

The **purported** benefits of the new product were not supported by research.

monastery

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

synonym : abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

convent

n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : abbey, monastery, nunnery

(1) **convent** school, (2) nunnery **convent**

The old **convent** was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
synonym : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data
He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

putrid

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

synonym : rotten, decaying, decomposing

(1) turn **putrid**, (2) **putrid** atmosphere

I had to throw away the **putrid** food in the fridge because it had gone bad.

rancid

adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh

synonym : spoiled, stale, putrid

(1) turn **rancid**, (2) **rancid** oil

The food had a **rancid** smell and was inedible.

pricy

adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

synonym : expensive, costly, dear

(1) **pricy** hotel, (2) **pricy** gift

The restaurant had **pricy** menu items, but the food was worth it.

unspoiled

adj. not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse

synonym : pristine, untouched, unaltered

(1) **unspoiled** area, (2) **unspoiled** environment

The **unspoiled** beauty of the wilderness was a sight to behold.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

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.

lather

n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning

synonym: foam, suds, froth

(1) creamy **lather**, (2) **lather** of foam

The bar of soap produced a thick **lather** as she washed her hands.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

barbarous

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

synonym: barbaric, savage, cruel

(1) **barbarous** behavior, (2) **barbarous** language

Human rights groups condemned the **barbarous** treatment of prisoners.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym: apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym: appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

corporal

n. a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating

synonym: soldier, serviceman, private

(1) **corporal** punishment, (2) **corporal** body

As a **corporal** in the army, he was responsible for leading a small team of soldiers.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym: betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of

treason against the state.

- jest** *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
synonym: joke, laugh, prank
(1) crack a **jest**, (2) a harmless **jest**
His jokes and **jest**s always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.
- satire** *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
synonym: irony, mockery, ridicule
(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**
The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
- pejorative** *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
synonym: derogatory, insulting, disrespectful
(1) **pejorative** language, (2) **pejorative** term
The coach's **pejorative** comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.
- enlightenment** *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication
(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity
He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.
- depict** *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
synonym: illustrate, describe, express
(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation
His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

superstitious

adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

synonym : irrational, unfounded, mystical

(1) **superstitious** fear, (2) **superstitious** behavior

Some people are **superstitious** and believe in good luck charms and omens.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

chivalry

n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

synonym : gallantry, bravery, noble conduct

(1) **chivalry** code, (2) romance of **chivalry**

The knight's display of **chivalry** impressed the princess.

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

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.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

synonym : sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym : contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ti_____an of history
n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
2. un_____ed clothes
adj. not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned
3. crack a j__t
n. playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
4. ra____d oil
adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
5. sword d__l
n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
6. un_____ed person
adj. not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned
7. de____t a scene
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
8. 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
9. ch_____ry code
n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

ANSWERS: 1. timespan, 2. unbathed, 3. jest, 4. rancid, 5. duel, 6. unbathed, 7. depict, 8. bathhouse, 9. chivalry

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| 10. hear gr_____me details | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust |
| 11. a harmless j__t | <i>n.</i> playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark |
| 12. pu_____ed biography | <i>adj.</i> claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or substantiated |
| 13. the ti_____an for the loan | <i>n.</i> the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events |
| 14. r_t with age | <i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 15. a pungent sa___e | <i>n.</i> a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques |
| 16. romance of ch_____ry | <i>n.</i> the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak |
| 17. gr___y death | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality |
| 18. co_____t school | <i>n.</i> a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 19. emotional an_____h | <i>n.</i> severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony |

ANSWERS: 10. gruesome, 11. jest, 12. purported, 13. timespan, 14. rot, 15. satire, 16. chivalry, 17. grisly, 18. convent, 19. anguish

20. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
21. sup_____ous behavior *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
22. pr__y gift *adj.* expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
23. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
24. de__t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
25. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
26. gr___y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
27. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
28. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 20. ostensible, 21. superstitious, 22. pricy, 23. wield, 24. depict, 25. Renaissance, 26. grisly, 27. intellect, 28. Christ

29. ch____ty belt *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
30. un_____ed environment *adj.* not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse
31. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
32. ost_____le explanation *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
33. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
34. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
35. pu___d atmosphere *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
36. pej_____ve language *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
37. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 29. chastity, 30. unspoiled, 31. misconception, 32. ostensible, 33. scrub, 34. satire, 35. putrid, 36. pejorative, 37. nationalist

38. co____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
39. nunnery co____t *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
40. co____al punishment *n.* a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating
41. mo____ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
42. creamy la____r *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
43. expel a di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
44. a handy ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
45. turn pu____d *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
46. arrested for tr____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 38. cohesive, 39. convent, 40. corporal, 41. monastery, 42. lather, 43. diplomat, 44. gadget, 45. putrid, 46. treason

47. purity and ch____ty *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
48. ba_____us behavior *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
49. time-saving ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
50. highly co_____ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
51. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
52. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
53. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
54. ba_____us language *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
55. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
56. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
57. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 47. chastity, 48. barbarous, 49. gadget, 50. cohesive, 51. Renaissance, 52. misinterpret, 53. misconception, 54. barbarous, 55. fascinate, 56. boast, 57. wield

76. leave a mo_____ry
n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
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adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
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v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
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80. pr__y hotel
adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
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n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
82. spiritual enl_____ent
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
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adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
84. begin to r_t
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
85. pej_____ve term
adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

ANSWERS: 76. monastery, 77. nationalist, 78. misinterpret, 79. bathhouse, 80. pricy, 81. enlightenment, 82. enlightenment, 83. irrational, 84. rot, 85. pejorative

86. turn ra___d *adj.* having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
87. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
88. la___r of foam *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
89. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
90. By_____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

ANSWERS: 86. rancid, 87. byzantine, 88. lather, 89. relic, 90. byzantine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
2. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
3. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.
adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
4. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
5. I had to throw away the _____ food in the fridge because it had gone bad.
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6. The old _____ was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.
n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
7. Some people are _____ and believe in good luck charms and omens.
adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

ANSWERS: 1. renaissance, 2. Christmas, 3. cohesive, 4. intellect, 5. putrid, 6. convent, 7. superstitious

8. The restaurant had _____ menu items, but the food was worth it.

adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

9. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

10. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

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ANSWERS: 8. pricy, 9. treason, 10. gruesome, 11. bathhouse, 12. ostensible, 13. relic, 14. irrational

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ANSWERS: 15. depicted, 16. corporal, 17. enlightenment, 18. diplomat, 19. Byzantine, 20. duel, 21. timespan

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ANSWERS: 22. scrub, 23. chivalry, 24. boasts, 25. nationalist, 26. rot, 27. foe, 28. anguish, 29. unbathed, 30. satire

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ANSWERS: 31. barbarous, 32. jests, 33. purported, 34. monastery, 35. rancid, 36. misconceptions, 37. misinterpreted, 38. grisly

39. They _____ enormous power and influence.

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

40. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

41. The _____ beauty of the wilderness was a sight to behold.

adj. not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse

42. The bar of soap produced a thick _____ as she washed her hands.

n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning

43. The coach's _____ comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

44. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

45. Some cultures see _____ as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

ANSWERS: 39. wielded, 40. fascinated, 41. unspoiled, 42. lather, 43. pejorative, 44. gadget, 45. chastity