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Session 1: Word List

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

chasm

n. a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

synonym: gap, ravine, crevasse

(1) a deep and wide **chasm**, (2) **chasm** of death

The **chasm** of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.

alight

adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (*verb*) to come down

synonym: burning, lighted up, (*verb*) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

ajar

adj. partially open; slightly or partly open

synonym: open, askew

(1) gate **ajar**, (2) closet **ajar**

The door was left **ajar**, letting a cool breeze enter the stuffy room.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

retrace

v. to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

synonym: backtrack, follow back

(1) **retrace** my life, (2) **retrace** a journey

I need to **retrace** my steps to find the lost keys.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

absent-minded

adj. preoccupied or forgetful, often to the point of being unaware of one's surroundings; forgetful or inattentive due to deep thought, distraction, or lack of focus

synonym: forgetful, inattentive, preoccupied

(1) **absent-minded** professor, (2) **absent-minded** mistake

The **absent-minded** employee frequently forgets to submit his reports on time.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym: spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym : come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

synonym : encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

sordid

adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

synonym : dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

prowl

v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

synonym : creep, sneak, lurch

(1) **prowl** the streets, (2) **prowl** for food

The predator began to **prowl** around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

undetected

adj. not perceived or discovered

synonym : undiscovered, hidden, concealed

(1) **undetected** cancer, (2) leave the house **undetected**
Doctors made mistakes, and diseases remained **undetected**.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence
He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym : ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies
She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym : unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation
The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

extrinsic

adj. not forming an essential or inherent part of something; coming from outside or external to something; foreign or alien

synonym : extraneous, external, foreign

(1) **extrinsic** stimuli, (2) **extrinsic** factors

The **extrinsic** motivation for her to exercise was to fit into her old clothes again.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym : misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym : surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

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.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym: Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
2. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
3. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
4. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
5. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
6. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
7. un___t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
8. em_____en a country's leadership *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
9. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
10. ch__m of death *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

ANSWERS: 1. Confucian, 2. dwarf, 3. wrongdoing, 4. corpse, 5. lure, 6. enslave, 7. unjust, 8. embolden, 9. betray, 10. chasm

11. leave the house und_____ed *adj.* not perceived or discovered
12. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
13. em_____en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
14. und_____ed cancer *adj.* not perceived or discovered
15. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
16. abs_____ded mistake *adj.* preoccupied or forgetful, often to the point of being unaware of one's surroundings; forgetful or inattentive due to deep thought, distraction, or lack of focus
17. re_____e my life *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps
18. l___e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
19. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
20. pr__l the streets *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

ANSWERS: 11. undetected, 12. platonic, 13. embolden, 14. undetected, 15. succumb, 16. absent-minded, 17. retrace, 18. lure, 19. tempt, 20. prowl

30. mo____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
31. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
32. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
33. al___t from a train *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
34. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. catch al___t *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
36. ex_____ic factors *adj.* not forming an essential or inherent part of something; coming from outside or external to something; foreign or alien
37. an absolute mo____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
38. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
39. subtle, multivalent al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
40. a domestic ty___t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 30. monarch, 31. seduce, 32. supernatural, 33. alight, 34. opportune, 35. alight, 36. extrinsic, 37. monarch, 38. dwarf, 39. allegory, 40. tyrant

41. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
42. Co_____an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
43. so____d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
44. re_____e a journey *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps
45. ex_____ic stimuli *adj.* not forming an essential or inherent part of something; coming from outside or external to something; foreign or alien
46. re_____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
47. political al_____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
48. so____d business *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
49. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
50. a deep and wide ch__m *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

ANSWERS: 41. medicinal, 42. Confucian, 43. sordid, 44. retrace, 45. extrinsic, 46. recount, 47. allegory, 48. sordid, 49. platonic, 50. chasm

51. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
52. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
53. abs_____ded professor *adj.* preoccupied or forgetful, often to the point of being unaware of one's surroundings; forgetful or inattentive due to deep thought, distraction, or lack of focus
54. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
55. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
56. pr___l for food *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
57. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
58. tw___l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
59. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
60. gate a___r *adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open
61. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 51. medicinal, 52. supernatural, 53. absent-minded, 54. betray, 55. unjust, 56. prowl, 57. shepherd, 58. twirl, 59. recount, 60. ajar, 61. fiddle

62. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
63. ty___t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
64. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
65. re____ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
66. willful wro____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
67. re____ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
68. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 62. corpse, 63. tyrant, 64. twirl, 65. reappear, 66. wrongdoing, 67. reappear, 68. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
2. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.
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3. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.
adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
4. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.
v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
5. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.
n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
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ANSWERS: 1. unjust, 2. twirled, 3. Confucian, 4. seduce, 5. tyrant's, 6. prowl, 7. chasm

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11. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.

- n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

12. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.

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adj. not perceived or discovered

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