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Session 1: Word List

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

sisterhood

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

synonym: sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success
We cannot **envision** her as President.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym: composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

impeccable

adj. without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards

synonym: flawless, perfect, ideal

(1) **impeccable** reputation, (2) **impeccable** taste

His **impeccable** manners and appearance made him stand out from the rest of the guests.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

angelic

adj. resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

synonym: heavenly, celestial, divine

(1) **angelic** face, (2) **angelic** choir

The singer's **angelic** voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym: foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym: disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

iconography

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

synonym: symbolism, iconology, representation

(1) religious **iconography**, (2) digital **iconography**

The **iconography** of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

figurine

n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

synonym: statue, ornament, sculpture

(1) **figurine** collection, (2) anime **figurine**
My friend gifted me a miniature **figurine** of my favorite comic book character.

piety

n. devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

synonym: devoutness, religiousness, reverence

(1) **piety** in religion, (2) show **piety** towards god
The religious leader was known for his extreme **piety** and devotion to his faith.

ecstasy

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

synonym: rapture, bliss, euphoria

(1) **ecstasy** pills, (2) state of **ecstasy**
She danced with **ecstasy** as her favorite band played their hit song.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence
She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sis_____od solidarity *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
2. fu_____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
3. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
4. anime fi_____ne *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal
5. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
6. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
7. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
8. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
9. cho_____phy art *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

ANSWERS: 1. sisterhood, 2. futurist, 3. choreograph, 4. figurine, 5. subconscious, 6. recreate, 7. surreal, 8. intrigue, 9. choreography

10. an____c choir *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance
11. imp_____le taste *adj.* without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
12. show pi__y towards god *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions
13. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
14. un_____ar decision *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
15. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
16. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
17. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
18. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
19. an____c face *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

ANSWERS: 10. angelic, 11. impeccable, 12. piety, 13. animate, 14. unpopular, 15. choreographer, 16. imaginative, 17. unpopular, 18. surreal, 19. angelic

20. fu____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
21. psy____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
22. I__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
23. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
24. religious ico____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
25. en____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
26. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
27. vi____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 20. futurist, 21. psychedelic, 22. lurk, 23. lurk, 24. iconography, 25. envision, 26. Catholic, 27. visceral

28. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
29. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
30. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
31. pi__y in religion *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions
32. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
33. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
34. imp_____le reputation *adj.* without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
35. digital ico_____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
36. fi_____ne collection *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

ANSWERS: 28. recreate, 29. animate, 30. Catholic, 31. piety, 32. intrigue, 33. crunch, 34. impeccable, 35. iconography, 36. figurine

37. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
38. ch_____ke innocence *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
39. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
40. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
41. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
42. sis_____od bond *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
43. state of ec_____y *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations
44. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
45. ch_____ke charm *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

ANSWERS: 37. imaginative, 38. childlike, 39. envision, 40. subconscious, 41. crunch, 42. sisterhood, 43. ecstasy, 44. visceral, 45. childlike

46. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
47. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
48. ec_____y pills *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations
49. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
50. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

ANSWERS: 46. warp, 47. psychedelic, 48. ecstasy, 49. warp, 50. choreography

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
2. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
3. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
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7. The _____ of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.
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ANSWERS: 1. subconscious, 2. crunch, 3. warped, 4. futurist, 5. angelic, 6. unpopular, 7. iconography

8. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
9. His _____ manners and appearance made him stand out from the rest of the guests.
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10. The religious leader was known for his extreme _____ and devotion to his faith.
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11. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
12. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
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13. The dance performance featured intricate _____.
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14. She had a _____ wonder and curiosity about the world.
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15. Playing on the same sports team has created a _____ between the athletes.
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ANSWERS: 8. recreated, 9. impeccable, 10. piety, 11. intrigues, 12. lurks, 13. choreography, 14. childlike, 15. sisterhood

16. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

17. We cannot _____ her as President.

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

18. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

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19. She danced with _____ as her favorite band played their hit song.

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

20. My friend gifted me a miniature _____ of my favorite comic book character.

n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

21. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

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adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 16. choreographed, 17. envision, 18. visceral, 19. ecstasy, 20. figurine, 21. psychedelic, 22. surreal

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adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

24. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

v. to make something full of interest and energy

25. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 23. catholic, 24. animated, 25. imaginative