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Session 1: Word List

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.

pore

n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

synonym: stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books

I was sweating at every **pore**.

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.

crescent

n. a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

(1) **crescent** moon, (2) **crescent** beach

The river formed a **crescent** shape around the bend.

dumpling

n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

synonym : doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

rhapsody

n. an intensely emotional or passionate piece of music, speech, or writing; a state of uncontrolled enthusiasm or joy

synonym : composition, symphony, sonata

(1) **rhapsody** in blue, (2) poetic **rhapsody**

His speech was a **rhapsody** of heartfelt gratitude to his mother who had sacrificed so much for him.

allude

v. to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

synonym : imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning

He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym : record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

knead

v. to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device

synonym: massage, rub, manipulate

(1) **knead** clay, (2) **knead** muscles

I need to **knead** the dough before I can bake the bread.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym: pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

mutton

n. the meat of a sheep, particularly an adult sheep, used for food and often prepared by roasting, broiling, or stewing

synonym: lamb, sheep, meat

(1) **mutton** chop, (2) tender **mutton**

We had roasted **mutton** for our family gathering.

aromatic

adj. having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant

synonym: fragrant, perfumed, redolent

(1) **aromatic** soap, (2) **aromatic** spices

The **aromatic** herbs and spices in the dish made my mouth water.

gobble

v. to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey

synonym: devour, gulp, swallow

(1) **gobble** down food, (2) **gobble** up the competition

I always **gobble** my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.

downwind

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

synonym : downstream, windward, leeward

(1) sweep away **downwind**, (2) move **downwind**

The smoke from the fire was blowing **downwind** towards the nearby town.

drool

v. to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something

synonym : slobber, dribble, slaver

(1) **drool** over a dessert, (2) **drool** on a pillow

The baby began to **drool** while teething.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym : branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym : boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

tapioca

n. a starchy substance derived from the cassava plant, typically used in cooking and baking as a thickening agent or as the base for puddings or desserts

synonym : cassava, manioc

(1) **tapioca** balls, (2) **tapioca** pearls

I love the texture and taste of **tapioca** pudding.

morsel

n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

synonym : bit, bite, fragment

(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**

I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.

drizzle

v. to rain lightly or in fine drops; to pour a liquid over something in a slow, thin stream

synonym : sprinkle, rain lightly, mist

(1) **drizzle** lightly, (2) **drizzle** with olive oil

I like to **drizzle** honey over my pancakes for extra sweetness.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

kimchi

n. a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes

synonym : pickled vegetables, spicy cabbage, Korean food

(1) **kimchi** recipe, (2) spicy **kimchi** paste

There are many different varieties of **kimchi**, each with its unique taste and texture.

matzo

n. unleavened bread traditionally eaten during the Jewish holiday of Passover

synonym : unleavened bread, flatbread, cracker

(1) **matzo** crackers, (2) homemade **matzo** soup

The recipe called for crushed **matzo** as a crust for the cheesecake.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

imprecise

adj. not exact or accurate; not clearly stated or defined;
lacking in specificity or detail

synonym : inaccurate, vague

(1) **imprecise** instructions, (2) **imprecise** language
The **imprecise** measurements led to erroneous results in the experiment.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world
You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and
imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or
decorative layer

synonym : encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet
They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires
The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a
particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym :

drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ar____ic soap *adj.* having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant
2. the institute of arc______gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
3. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
4. poetic rh____dy *n.* an intensely emotional or passionate piece of music, speech, or writing; a state of uncontrolled enthusiasm or joy
5. ta____e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
6. al____e to the planning *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
7. go____e down food *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
8. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
9. move do____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
10. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
11. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 1. aromatic, 2. archaeology, 3. conquer, 4. rhapsody, 5. tangle, 6. allude, 7. gobble, 8. relic, 9. downwind, 10. rev, 11. confuse

12. tender mu___n *n.* the meat of a sheep, particularly an adult sheep, used for food and often prepared by roasting, broiling, or stewing
13. en___e his feet *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
14. di_____fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
15. cr_____nt moon *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
16. dr_____e with olive oil *v.* to rain lightly or in fine drops; to pour a liquid over something in a slow, thin stream
17. cr_____nt beach *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
18. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
19. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
20. dr__l on a pillow *v.* to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something

ANSWERS: 12. mutton, 13. encase, 14. diversify, 15. crescent, 16. drizzle, 17. crescent, 18. rev, 19. wan, 20. drool

21. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
22. dr_____e lightly *v.* to rain lightly or in fine drops; to pour a liquid over something in a slow, thin stream
23. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
24. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
25. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
26. sweep away do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
27. du_____ng soup *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
28. im_____se instructions *adj.* not exact or accurate; not clearly stated or defined; lacking in specificity or detail
29. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
30. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
31. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 21. nomadic, 22. drizzle, 23. chronicle, 24. cultivate, 25. relic, 26. downwind, 27. dumpling, 28. imprecise, 29. visionary, 30. chronicle, 31. conquer

32. woody p__e fungi *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
33. spicy ki___i paste *n.* a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes
34. kn__d clay *v.* to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device
35. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
36. rh_____dy in blue *n.* an intensely emotional or passionate piece of music, speech, or writing; a state of uncontrolled enthusiasm or joy
37. dr__l over a dessert *v.* to allow saliva to drip or flow out of the mouth involuntarily, usually as a result of excitement, anticipation, or illness; to express excessive admiration or desire for something
38. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
39. al___e to his low origin *v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
40. mu___n chop *n.* the meat of a sheep, particularly an adult sheep, used for food and often prepared by roasting, broiling, or stewing

ANSWERS: 32. pore, 33. kimchi, 34. knead, 35. propel, 36. rhapsody, 37. drool, 38. visionary, 39. allude, 40. mutton

41. ta____a pearls *n.* a starchy substance derived from the cassava plant, typically used in cooking and baking as a thickening agent or as the base for puddings or desserts
42. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
43. tiny mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
44. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
45. kn__d muscles *v.* to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device
46. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
47. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
48. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
49. p__e over reference books *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
50. ki___i recipe *n.* a spicy, fermented Korean side dish made of cabbage, radish, or other vegetables, often served as a condiment with rice or meat dishes

ANSWERS: 41. tapioca, 42. wan, 43. morsel, 44. morsel, 45. knead, 46. disseminate, 47. nomadic, 48. archaeology, 49. pore, 50. kimchi

51. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
52. im_____se language *adj.* not exact or accurate; not clearly stated or defined; lacking in specificity or detail
53. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
54. ar_____ic spices *adj.* having a strong, sweet smell; fragrant
55. homemade du_____ng *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
56. en___e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
57. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
58. homemade ma__o soup *n.* unleavened bread traditionally eaten during the Jewish holiday of Passover
59. go___e up the competition *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
60. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
61. ma__o crackers *n.* unleavened bread traditionally eaten during the Jewish holiday of Passover
62. ta_____a balls *n.* a starchy substance derived from the cassava plant, typically used in cooking and baking as a thickening agent or as the base for puddings or desserts

ANSWERS: 51. propel, 52. imprecise, 53. diversify, 54. aromatic, 55. dumpling, 56. encase, 57. tangle, 58. matzo, 59. gobble, 60. disseminate, 61. matzo, 62. tapioca

63. co_____e fantasy with reality

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

64. cu_____te a field

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

ANSWERS: 63. confuse, 64. cultivate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
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adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
3. We had roasted _____ for our family gathering.
n. the meat of a sheep, particularly an adult sheep, used for food and often prepared by roasting, broiling, or stewing
4. The recipe called for crushed _____ as a crust for the cheesecake.
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5. The smoke from the fire was blowing _____ towards the nearby town.
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6. There are many different varieties of _____ each with its unique taste and texture.
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7. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
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ANSWERS: 1. chronicle, 2. wan, 3. mutton, 4. matzo, 5. downwind, 6. kimchi, 7. nomadic

8. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

9. I need to _____ the dough before I can bake the bread.

- v. to work or press into a flexible mixture, especially bread dough, with the hands, fingers, or a device

10. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.

- v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

11. I ordered some delicious _____ for lunch.

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- v. to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 8. confused, 9. knead, 10. cultivate, 11. dumplings, 12. morsel, 13. rev, 14. pore, 15. conquer

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ANSWERS: 16. rhapsody, 17. relic, 18. propel, 19. drool, 20. encased, 21. crescent, 22. imprecise, 23. drizzle

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- v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
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- v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

ANSWERS: 24. diversify, 25. tangled, 26. aromatic, 27. archaeology, 28. gobble, 29. visionary, 30. disseminate, 31. alluded

32. I love the texture and taste of _____ pudding.

- n.* a starchy substance derived from the cassava plant, typically used in cooking and baking as a thickening agent or as the base for puddings or desserts

ANSWERS: 32. tapioca