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Session 1: Word List

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

jade

n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym : stitch, seam, joint

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

cowherd

n. a person who oversees and tends to a herd of cows, often working as a farm laborer or rancher; a person who likes or has a fondness for cows

synonym : rancher, shepherd, cowpuncher

(1) **cowherd** tradition, (2) **cowherd** hat

He was born the son of a **cowherd**, but he became a renowned doctor.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym : riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats

go by.

stoic

adj. calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations;
(noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

synonym : unflappable, resigned, unemotional

(1) **stoic** courage, (2) do **stoic** strength training

He was known for his **stoic** demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym : shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym : crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community;
a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional

community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

synonym: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

hairpin

n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

(1) **hairpin** clip, (2) **hairpin** curve

She carefully navigated her way around the **hairpin** turns on the mountain road.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United

States.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

hasty

adj. done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

synonym: rushed, impulsive, prompt

(1) a **hasty** temper, (2) **hasty** commitment

The **hasty** conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

pelt

v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

synonym: hurl, fling, throw

(1) **pelt** him with stones, (2) **pelt** with questions

The crowd **pelted** the stage with bottles and cans in protest.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym: throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

magpie

n. a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

synonym: jay, chatterer, spouter

(1) chatter like a **magpie**, (2) **magpie** behavior

The **magpie's** nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
2. ma___e behavior *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others
3. tapestry we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
4. decorated with j__e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
5. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
6. ha_____n curve *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
7. walk along the ri_____nk *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
8. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

ANSWERS: 1. gulf, 2. magpie, 3. weaver, 4. jade, 5. soar, 6. hairpin, 7. riverbank, 8. drape

9. hu___e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
10. gl____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
11. p__t with questions *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
12. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
13. the textile we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
14. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
15. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
16. co____d hat *n.* a person who oversees and tends to a herd of cows, often working as a farm laborer or rancher; a person who likes or has a fondness for cows
17. ce____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
18. im____e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
19. the pl__t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation

ANSWERS: 9. hurtle, 10. glitter, 11. pelt, 12. pluck, 13. weaver, 14. flourish, 15. seam, 16. cowherd, 17. celestial, 18. implore, 19. plight

20. st__c courage *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
21. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
22. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
23. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
24. miserable pl___t *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
25. tr_____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
26. a ha__y temper *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
27. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
28. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
29. ha_____n clip *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

ANSWERS: 20. stoic, 21. wade, 22. prosperous, 23. enrage, 24. plight, 25. tremble, 26. hasty, 27. flourish, 28. reunite, 29. hairpin

30. ri_____nk erosion *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
31. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
32. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
33. ti__d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
34. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
35. co_____d tradition *n.* a person who oversees and tends to a herd of cows, often working as a farm laborer or rancher; a person who likes or has a fondness for cows
36. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
37. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
38. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
39. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
40. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
41. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 30. riverbank, 31. grandchild, 32. grieve, 33. timid, 34. villager, 35. cowherd, 36. emperor, 37. glitter, 38. reunite, 39. enrage, 40. grandchild, 41. gulf

42. im____e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
43. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
44. vi____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
45. gr____e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
46. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
47. pro____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
48. ce____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
49. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
50. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
51. chatter like a ma____e *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

ANSWERS: 42. implore, 43. emperor, 44. villager, 45. grieve, 46. soar, 47. prosperous, 48. celestial, 49. timid, 50. seam, 51. magpie

52. a j__e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
53. p__t him with stones *v.* to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
54. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
55. ha__y commitment *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
56. tr____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
57. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
58. hu___e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
59. do st__c strength training *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

ANSWERS: 52. jade, 53. pelt, 54. drape, 55. hasty, 56. tremble, 57. wade, 58. hurtle, 59. stoic

60. pl__k out weeds

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 60. pluck

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She carefully navigated her way around the _____ turns on the mountain road.
 - n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

2. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
 - n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

3. The _____ nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials
 - n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

4. The _____ sculpture was worth a fortune.
 - n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

5. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
 - v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

6. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
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7. The band will _____ only for this show.
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ANSWERS: 1. hairpin, 2. Gulf, 3. magpie's, 4. jade, 5. trembled, 6. flourished, 7. reunite

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9. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.
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10. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
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12. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.
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- v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 18. plucked, 19. hasty, 20. draped, 21. glittered, 22. riverbank, 23. cowherd, 24. wade

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30. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.
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ANSWERS: 25. prosperous, 26. grieved, 27. seam, 28. pelted, 29. weaver, 30. timid