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Session 1: Word List

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

buggy

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

synonym: carriage, cart, wagon

(1) baby **buggy**, (2) **buggy** update

This Middle Eastern resort offers dune **buggy** tours through the desert.

aspirin

n. a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity

She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

glean

v. to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

synonym: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

swelter

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

synonym: simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

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**.

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.

simile

n. a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"

synonym: comparison, analogy, metaphor

(1) **simile** usage, (2) poetic **simile**

Her poetry is full of beautiful **similes** comparing nature to human emotion.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym : isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym : isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym : invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

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.

backbeat

n. a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure

synonym: rhythm, tempo, cadence

(1) **backbeat** rhythm, (2) funky **backbeat**

The drummer's **backbeat** kept the song's rhythm and energy flowing.

refraction

n. the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another

synonym: bending, deviation, deflection

(1) **refraction** of light, (2) angle of **refraction**

The atmospheric **refraction** of the sun causes it to appear to be above the horizon when it is actually below it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bu__y update *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
2. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
3. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
4. 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
5. a strong sense of lon____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
6. sw____r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
7. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
8. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
9. el____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. buggy, 2. nun, 3. ancestor, 4. Catholic, 5. loneliness, 6. swelter, 7. nun, 8. tenacity, 9. electrify

10. angle of ref_____on *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
11. show te_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
12. prescribe as_____n *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
13. funky ba_____at *n.* a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure
14. elite bo_____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
15. live in so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
16. enjoyment of so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
17. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
18. si____e usage *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"

ANSWERS: 10. refraction, 11. tenacity, 12. aspirin, 13. backbeat, 14. bodyguard, 15. solitude, 16. solitude, 17. singe, 18. simile

19. write in rh__e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
20. VIP bo_____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
21. sw____r under the scorching sun *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
22. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
23. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
24. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
25. 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
26. ref_____on of light *n.* the bending or change in the direction of a ray of light, sound, or heat as it passes through a medium or travels from one medium to another
27. poetic si___e *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
28. gl__n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

ANSWERS: 19. rhyme, 20. bodyguard, 21. swelter, 22. rhyme, 23. priceless, 24. ancestor, 25. rev, 26. refraction, 27. simile, 28. glean

29. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
30. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
31. pr_____ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
32. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
33. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
34. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
35. 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
36. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
37. ba_____at rhythm *n.* a rhythm pattern in music, often associated with rock and roll and derived from African American musical traditions that emphasize the second and fourth beats of a four-beat measure

ANSWERS: 29. loneliness, 30. cot, 31. priceless, 32. cot, 33. poetic, 34. seduce, 35. Catholic, 36. electrify, 37. backbeat

38. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
39. as____n sensitivity *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
40. 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
41. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
42. gl__n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
43. se____e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
44. baby bu__y *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

ANSWERS: 38. singe, 39. aspirin, 40. rev, 41. poetic, 42. glean, 43. seduce, 44. buggy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I realize the _____ of a single life.
n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

2. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
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

3. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.
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6. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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7. Her poetry is full of beautiful _____ comparing nature to human emotion.
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ANSWERS: 1. loneliness, 2. rev, 3. rhyme, 4. catholic, 5. ancestor, 6. electrify, 7. similes

8. The drummer's _____ kept the song's rhythm and energy flowing.
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ANSWERS: 8. backbeat, 9. refraction, 10. glean, 11. nun, 12. bodyguard, 13. solitude, 14. aspirin, 15. cots

16. The heat was so intense that it made us _____.
- v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
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- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
22. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.
- adj.* extremely valuable or important

ANSWERS: 16. swelter, 17. singed, 18. tenacity, 19. buggy, 20. seduce, 21. poetic, 22. priceless