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Session 1: Word List

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.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

etymology

n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

(1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word

The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of

words.

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.

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.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

synonym: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

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.

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.

voodoo

n. a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

synonym : magic, sorcery, hoodoo

(1) **voodoo** curse, (2) **voodoo** doll

Some people believe in the power of **voodoo** to heal or harm others.

sorcery

n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

synonym : magic, witchcraft, enchantment

(1) mystical **sorcery**, (2) dark **sorcery**

He claimed that he could perform **sorcery** and cast spells.

soulless

adj. having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

synonym : heartless, affectless, cold-blooded

(1) he is **soulless** and mechanical, (2) in a **soulless** manner

She is sitting in a tree with a **soulless** look after hearing the news.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

captor

n. a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion

synonym: abductor, kidnapper, detainee

(1) **captor** of hostages, (2) animal **captor**

The prisoner escaped from his **captor** and ran for his life.

zombify

v. to turn someone or something into a state of living death, in which they are reduced to a purely mechanical or mindless existence

(1) **zombify** the population, (2) **zombify** a character

Watching too much TV can **zombify** your brain and make you less productive.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

subjugate

v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

synonym: conquer, subdue, enslave

(1) **subjugate** the enemy, (2) **subjugate** my ego

The conqueror sought to **subjugate** the defeated country.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

fiance

n. a person who is engaged to be married

synonym: groom-to-be, betrothed, intended

(1) **fiance** visa, (2) meeting with the **fiance's** family

My **fiance** and I are looking for a new apartment after our wedding.

veer

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

synonym: swerve, diverge, shift

(1) **veer** toward danger, (2) **veer** to the left

The car **veered** off the road and crashed into a tree.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

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.

insatiable

adj. impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

synonym: voracious, unquenchable, insistent

(1) **insatiable** curiosity, (2) **insatiable** appetite

His **insatiable** hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en___h public services | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 2. en___h a gas with a balloon | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 3. meeting with the fi___e's family | <i>n.</i> a person who is engaged to be married |
| 4. an_____e the body | <i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy |
| 5. ca___r of hostages | <i>n.</i> a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion |
| 6. the et_____gy of a word | <i>n.</i> the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase |
| 7. curb our cr_____gs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 8. he is so_____ss and mechanical | <i>adj.</i> having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling |
| 9. in a so_____ss manner | <i>adj.</i> having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling |
| 10. af_____fe name | <i>n.</i> life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions |
| 11. zo_____y a character | <i>v.</i> to turn someone or something into a state of living death, in which they are reduced to a purely mechanical or mindless existence |

ANSWERS: 1. enrich, 2. enrich, 3. fiance, 4. animate, 5. captor, 6. etymology, 7. craving, 8. soulless, 9. soulless, 10. afterlife, 11. zombify

12. ca____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
13. ins_____le curiosity *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
14. mystical so____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
15. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
16. 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
17. v__r to the left *v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
18. et_____gy dictionary *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
19. skilled la____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
20. desiccated co____e *n.* the dead body of a human being
21. ins_____le appetite *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

ANSWERS: 12. cannibal, 13. insatiable, 14. sorcery, 15. contagious, 16. Catholic, 17. veer, 18. etymology, 19. laborer, 20. corpse, 21. insatiable

22. zo____y the population *v.* to turn someone or something into a state of living death, in which they are reduced to a purely mechanical or mindless existence
23. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
24. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
25. habitual ca____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
26. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
27. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
28. v__r toward danger *v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
29. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
30. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
31. en____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
32. fi____e visa *n.* a person who is engaged to be married

ANSWERS: 22. zombify, 23. ancestor, 24. contagious, 25. cannibal, 26. deity, 27. onslaught, 28. veer, 29. animate, 30. protagonist, 31. envision, 32. fiancée

33. above the eq____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
34. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
35. vo____o curse *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
36. en____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
37. sup____an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
38. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
39. vo____o doll *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
40. su____te my ego *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

ANSWERS: 33. equator, 34. deity, 35. voodoo, 36. envision, 37. superhuman, 38. inhabit, 39. voodoo, 40. subjugate

41. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
42. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
43. su_____te the enemy *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
44. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
45. the co_____e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
46. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
47. animal ca_____r *n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
48. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
49. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
50. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
51. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
52. south of the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
53. 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

ANSWERS: 41. protagonist, 42. enslave, 43. subjugate, 44. deprive, 45. corpse, 46. laborer, 47. captor, 48. ancestor, 49. deprive, 50. inhabit, 51. enslave, 52. equator, 53. Catholic

54. dark so____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
55. corporate af_____fe *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
56. sup_____an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
57. li_____e tree *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
58. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
59. maternal li_____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
60. cr_____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something

ANSWERS: 54. sorcery, 55. afterlife, 56. superhuman, 57. lineage, 58. onslaught, 59. lineage, 60. craving

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.
v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
2. His _____ hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.
adj. impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
3. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
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
4. I have a _____ for nicotine.
n. a strong desire of wanting something
5. Ecuador is on the _____.
n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
6. He claimed that he could perform _____ and cast spells.
n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
7. The study of _____ helps us to understand the origins of words.
n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
8. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being

ANSWERS: 1. veered, 2. insatiable, 3. catholic, 4. craving, 5. equator, 6. sorcery, 7. etymology, 8. corpse

9. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
10. She is sitting in a tree with a _____ look after hearing the news.
adj. having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling
11. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
12. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
13. The conqueror sought to _____ the defeated country.
v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
14. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
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n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 9. inhabit, 10. soulless, 11. deity, 12. deprived, 13. subjugate, 14. envision, 15. onslaught, 16. fiancée, 17. laborers

18. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
19. The prisoner escaped from his _____ and ran for his life.
n. a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
20. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
21. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
22. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
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ANSWERS: 18. protagonist's, 19. captor, 20. contagious, 21. animated, 22. ancestor, 23. lineage, 24. enriches, 25. cannibals, 26. voodoo

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- v.* to turn someone or something into a state of living death, in which they are reduced to a purely mechanical or mindless existence
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- n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
30. Her beauty _____ me completely.
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ANSWERS: 27. zombify, 28. superhuman, 29. afterlife, 30. enslaved