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Session 1: Word List

cartographer

- v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

synonym: mapmaker

- (1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

scout

- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

- (1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

stomp

- v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym: trample, tread, dance

- (1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

roost

n. a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop

synonym: perch, nest, roosting place

(1) wild **roost**, (2) bird **roost**

The chickens return to their **roost** at sunset every night.

rampage

n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

synonym: storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing **rampage**, (2) an outrageous **rampage**

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

disarray

n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

synonym: chaos, mess, confusion

(1) fall into **disarray**, (2) with her clothes in **disarray** .

The country's economic policies have led to political **disarray**.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a

peasant, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

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.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

generalize

v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases

synonym: conclude, derive, extrapolate

(1) **generalize** Kepler's first law, (2) **generalize**

sophisticatedly

It's dangerous to **generalize** about people.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. expert car_____her | <i>v.</i> a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools |
| 2. an outrageous ra_____e | <i>n.</i> a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior |
| 3. su_____e to live | <i>v.</i> to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose |
| 4. s__t beliefs | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 5. gen_____ze sophisticatedly | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases |
| 6. gen_____ze Kepler's first law | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases |
| 7. ra___e a country | <i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly |
| 8. fall into di_____ay | <i>n.</i> the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior |

ANSWERS: 1. cartographer, 2. rampage, 3. suffice, 4. sect, 5. generalize, 6. generalize, 7. ravage, 8. disarray

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| 9. killing ra____e | <i>n.</i> a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior |
| 10. bird ro__t | <i>n.</i> a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop |
| 11. en____e a check with a letter | <i>v.</i> to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include |
| 12. ra____e in all directions | <i>v.</i> to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 13. car____her's tool | <i>v.</i> a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools |
| 14. with her clothes in di____ay. | <i>n.</i> the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior |
| 15. wild ro__t | <i>n.</i> a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop |
| 16. st__p off to the room | <i>v.</i> to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step |
| 17. st__p on his foot | <i>v.</i> to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step |
| 18. hi__h a ride | <i>v.</i> to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle |

ANSWERS: 9. rampage, 10. roost, 11. enclose, 12. radiate, 13. cartographer, 14. disarray, 15. roost, 16. stomp, 17. stomp, 18. hitch

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| 19. pe____t class | <i>n.</i> a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society |
| 20. baby's c_t | <i>n.</i> a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out |
| 21. su____e as evidence | <i>v.</i> to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose |
| 22. ra____e an aura | <i>v.</i> to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 23. ra____e the brain | <i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly |
| 24. c_t in the tent | <i>n.</i> a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out |
| 25. sc__t troop | <i>n.</i> a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations |
| 26. secret s__t | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 27. boy sc__t | <i>n.</i> a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations |

ANSWERS: 19. peasant, 20. cot, 21. suffice, 22. radiate, 23. ravage, 24. cot, 25. scout, 26. sect, 27. scout

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| 28. th__h of hair | <i>n.</i> a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings |
| 29. cover with th__h | <i>n.</i> a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings |
| 30. exploited pe____t | <i>n.</i> a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society |
| 31. en____e area | <i>v.</i> to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include |
| 32. hi__h up my trousers | <i>v.</i> to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle |

ANSWERS: 28. thatch, 29. thatch, 30. peasant, 31. enclose, 32. hitch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
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n. a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
3. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. It's dangerous to _____ about people.
v. to make something, such as a theory, idea, etc., more widespread or widely applicable based on what is true in some cases
5. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
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7. The crowd went on a _____ after their team lost the championship game.
n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

ANSWERS: 1. cots, 2. roost, 3. sect, 4. generalize, 5. peasant, 6. disarray, 7. rampage

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- v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
9. A _____ job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.
- v. a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
10. The mechanics _____ the trailer to the broken-down car.
- v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
11. A large fire _____ the forest.
- v. to cause damage to something badly
12. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
- v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
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- n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
14. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
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15. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.
- n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

ANSWERS: 8. enclosed, 9. cartographer's, 10. hitched, 11. ravaged, 12. stomped, 13. scout, 14. suffice, 15. thatch

16. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

ANSWERS: 16. radiate