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Session 1: Word List

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

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.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

demoness

n. a female demon, a supernatural being often portrayed as evil, hateful, or dangerous; a wicked or mischievous woman

synonym: demon, succubus, she-devil

(1) evil **demoness**, (2) seductive **demoness**

The **demoness** in the ancient myth was said to possess immense power and wreak havoc wherever she went.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset

He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

gape

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

synonym: gaze, opening, mouth

(1) **gape** in amazement, (2) bird's **gape**

The **gape** of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym: embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent

summers with them.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym: kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym: adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

seashell

n. a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water

synonym: shell, conch, bivalve

(1) **seashell** ornament, (2) a fossil **seashell**

I love collecting **seashells** on the beach and displaying them in a jar at home.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

seafarer

n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea

synonym : sailor, mariner, navigator

(1) qualified **seafarer**, (2) fellow **seafarer**

The experienced **seafarer** told stories of his adventures on the high seas.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym : decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

handicraft

n. a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving

synonym : craft, handmade, artisanry

(1) **handicraft** workshop, (2) traditional **handicrafts**

She spent her free time making **handicrafts** like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.

calamity

n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

synonym : disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

seashore

n. the area where land meets the sea, often characterized by sand, rocks, cliffs, and shore flora and fauna

synonym: beach, seacoast, shoreline

(1) **seashore** erosion, (2) **seashore** picnic

We took a walk along the **seashore** and collected seashells.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

synonym: deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

saline

adj. containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts

synonym: salty, briny, brackish

(1) a **saline** lake, (2) irrigation with **saline**

The drug is dissolved in a **saline** solution.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

groundwater

n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

synonym: aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**
The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**
She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice
The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

adamant

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

synonym: resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation
She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

Session 2: Spelling

1. se____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
2. traditional han_____fts *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
3. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
4. contaminated gro_____er *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
5. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
6. a sa____e lake *adj.* containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts
7. g__e in amazement *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

ANSWERS: 1. seawall, 2. handicraft, 3. clap, 4. groundwater, 5. decorate, 6. saline, 7. gape

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| 8. di_____se with ceremony | v. | to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients |
| 9. de_____te a wall | v. | to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc |
| 10. seductive de_____ss | n. | a female demon, a supernatural being often portrayed as evil, hateful, or dangerous; a wicked or mischievous woman |
| 11. the taste of sa_____ss | n. | the quality or state of being salty |
| 12. a means of liv_____od | n. | a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 13. c__p a book shut | v. | to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |
| 14. a fossil se_____ll | n. | a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water |
| 15. an_____or language | n. | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 16. su_____ge my head completely | v. | to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely |
| 17. rei_____ce species | v. | to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued |
| 18. ch__t in the chapel | n. | a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation |

ANSWERS: 8. dispense, 9. decorate, 10. demoness, 11. saltiness, 12. livelihood, 13. clap, 14. seashell, 15. ancestor, 16. submerge, 17. reintroduce, 18. chant

19. han_____ft workshop *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
20. a dire ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
21. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
22. ad_____t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
23. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
24. ad_____t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
25. evil de_____ss *n.* a female demon, a supernatural being often portrayed as evil, hateful, or dangerous; a wicked or mischievous woman
26. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
27. a fi__y sunset *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
28. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire

ANSWERS: 19. handicraft, 20. calamity, 21. adorn, 22. adamant, 23. disrespect, 24. adamant, 25. demoness, 26. dispense, 27. fiery, 28. fiery

29. bird's g__e *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
30. se_____ll ornament *n.* a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water
31. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
32. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
33. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
34. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
35. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
36. financial ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
37. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 29. gape, 30. seashell, 31. huddle, 32. lagoon, 33. regress, 34. huddle, 35. seaweed, 36. calamity, 37. chant

38. qualified se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
39. su_____ge in a liquid *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
40. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
41. se_____re erosion *n.* the area where land meets the sea, often characterized by sand, rocks, cliffs, and shore flora and fauna
42. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
43. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
44. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
45. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
46. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
47. la____n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
48. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 38. seafarer, 39. submerge, 40. grandparent, 41. seashore, 42. adorn, 43. ancestor, 44. regress, 45. saltiness, 46. seaweed, 47. lagoon, 48. livelihood

49. se_____re picnic *n.* the area where land meets the sea, often characterized by sand, rocks, cliffs, and shore flora and fauna
50. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
51. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
52. irrigation with sa_____e *adj.* containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts
53. strong se_____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
54. gro_____er supply *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
55. fellow se_____er *n.* a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
56. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 49. seashore, 50. reintroduce, 51. disrespect, 52. saline, 53. seawall, 54. groundwater, 55. seafarer, 56. grandparent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I love collecting _____ on the beach and displaying them in a jar at home.
n. a type of shell that once housed a mollusk, typically found on beaches or in shallow water

2. We took a walk along the _____ and collected seashells.
n. the area where land meets the sea, often characterized by sand, rocks, cliffs, and shore flora and fauna

3. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

4. The _____ of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.
n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

5. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

6. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother

7. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. seashells, 2. seashore, 3. lagoon, 4. gape, 5. chant, 6. grandparents, 7. livelihood

8. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
9. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
10. The earthquake was a major _____ that left many homeless.
- n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
11. The beachfront property owners installed a _____ to protect their homes from the rising tides.
- n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
12. The _____ in the ancient myth was said to possess immense power and wreak havoc wherever she went.
- n.* a female demon, a supernatural being often portrayed as evil, hateful, or dangerous; a wicked or mischievous woman
13. She spent her free time making _____ like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.
- n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
14. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
- v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

ANSWERS: 8. disrespectful, 9. seaweed, 10. calamity, 11. seawall, 12. demoness, 13. handicrafts, 14. adorned

15. We _____ along with the singer's song.

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

16. She was _____ about not changing her mind.

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

17. The drug is dissolved in a _____ solution.

adj. containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts

18. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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

19. He is a man of _____ temperament.

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

20. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

21. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

22. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

23. The pharmacist started to _____ medication to patients.

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

ANSWERS: 15. clapped, 16. adamant, 17. saline, 18. ancestor, 19. fiery, 20. regress, 21. decorated, 22. huddled, 23. dispense

24. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
25. The town's main source of water is natural _____.
- n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
26. The experienced _____ told stories of his adventures on the high seas.
- n. a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
27. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
- n. the quality or state of being salty
28. The ship was _____ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.
- v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

ANSWERS: 24. reintroduce, 25. groundwater, 26. seafarer, 27. saltiness, 28. submerged