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## Session 1: Word List

### imitation

*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

*synonym*: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

### weaver

*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

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

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

### 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.

### disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## hummingbird

*n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

(1) **hummingbird** feeder, (2) **hummingbird** nest

Watching a **hummingbird** at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

## dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

*synonym*: arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

## canoe

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## pierce

*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

*synonym*: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

## dragonfly

*n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest

(1) **dragonfly** passing over the water, (2) **dragonfly** larva

I caught a rare **dragonfly** in the mountains.

## flutter

*v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

*synonym*: flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

## jealousy

*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym* : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

## 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.

## furious

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym* : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

## glide

*v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly

*synonym* : slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

## vulture

*n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

*synonym* : buzzard, scavenger, carrion bird

(1) **vulture** colony, (2) scavenging **vulture**

The **vulture's** sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

## distraught

*adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

*synonym* : upset, troubled, distressed

(1) **distraught** with grief, (2) **distraught** emotions

After receiving the bad news, he was so **distraught** that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

## carcass

*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

*synonym* : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

## swoop

*v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

*synonym* : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

## scar

*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

*synonym* : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym* : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

## befriend

*v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

*synonym* : support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## 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.

## retell

*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

*synonym*: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. scavenging vu____e                      | <i>n.</i> a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)             |
| 2. carry a s__r                            | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed  |
| 3. di____se his voice                      | <i>v.</i> to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others  |
| 4. pi___e the armored shells               | <i>v.</i> to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument  |
| 5. burn s__r                               | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed  |
| 6. blow d__t                               | <i>n.</i> a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly |
| 7. im_____on antique                       | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something                                   |
| 8. re___l a story                          | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently  |
| 9. je____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire                                       |
| 10. be____nd other members                 | <i>v.</i> to become a friend of someone, especially when in need  |

ANSWERS: 1. vulture, 2. scar, 3. disguise, 4. pierce, 5. scar, 6. dart, 7. imitation, 8. retell, 9. jealousy, 10. befriend

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| 11. the textile we___rs                 | <i>n.</i> the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth  |
| 12. fu____s anger                       | <i>adj.</i> extremely angry; full of rage   |
| 13. gra_____ld development              | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 14. gl__e down the mountain             | <i>v.</i> to move smoothly and effortlessly   |
| 15. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 16. social ant_____ogy                  | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 17. hum_____rd feeder                   | <i>n.</i> a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction                        |
| 18. existence of a de__y                | <i>n.</i> a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture  |
| 19. examine a ca____s                   | <i>n.</i> the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food  |
| 20. walk along the ri_____nk            | <i>n.</i> the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes  |
| 21. gl__e through the water             | <i>v.</i> to move smoothly and effortlessly   |
| 22. sw__p up the escalator              | <i>v.</i> to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon  |

ANSWERS: 11. weaver, 12. furious, 13. grandchild, 14. glide, 15. grandchild, 16. anthropology, 17. hummingbird, 18. deity, 19. carcass, 20. riverbank, 21. glide, 22. swoop

23. tapestry we\_\_\_rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
24. fl\_\_\_\_\_r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
25. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
26. dis\_\_\_\_\_ht emotions *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
27. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
28. burn with je\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
29. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
30. pi\_\_\_e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
31. re\_\_\_l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
32. be\_\_\_\_\_nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
33. ca\_\_e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
34. d\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

ANSWERS: 23. weaver, 24. flutter, 25. archaeology, 26. distraught, 27. vow, 28. jealousy, 29. archaeology, 30. pierce, 31. retell, 32. befriend, 33. canoe, 34. dart



35. ca\_\_\_\_s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
36. vu\_\_\_\_e colony *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
37. dr\_\_\_\_\_ly larva *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
38. dis\_\_\_\_\_ht with grief *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
39. sw\_\_p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
40. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
41. dr\_\_\_\_\_ly passing over the water *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
42. a fl\_\_\_\_\_r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
43. hum\_\_\_\_\_rd nest *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
44. v\_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
45. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 35. carcass, 36. vulture, 37. dragonfly, 38. distraught, 39. swoop, 40. disguise, 41. dragonfly, 42. flutter, 43. hummingbird, 44. vow, 45. anthropology

46. make a ca\_\_e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
47. artificial im\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
48. a fu\_\_\_\_\_s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
49. de\_\_y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
50. ri\_\_\_\_\_nk erosion *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 46. canoe, 47. imitation, 48. furious, 49. deity, 50. riverbank

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I caught a rare \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains.  
*n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
  
2. Watching a \_\_\_\_\_ at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.  
*n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
  
3. After receiving the bad news, he was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.  
*adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
  
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.  
*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
  
5. I'm willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the weak and the poor.  
*v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
  
6. The animal's \_\_\_\_\_ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.  
*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ fringed the scarf.  
*n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
  
8. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 1. dragonfly, 2. hummingbird, 3. distraught, 4. vowed, 5. befriend, 6. carcass, 7. weaver, 8. canoe

9. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.  
*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
10. The eagle gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.  
*v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
11. Even after the wound has healed, a \_\_\_\_\_ remains.  
*n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.  
*n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
13. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
14. The eagle \_\_\_\_\_ down from the sky to catch its prey.  
*v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
15. The extreme cold \_\_\_\_\_ our bones.  
*v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
16. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
17. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.  
*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 9. dart, 10. glided, 11. scar, 12. vulture's, 13. furious, 14. swooped, 15. pierced, 16. imitation, 17. disguised

18. His \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.  
*n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
19. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
20. 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
21. We enjoyed a picnic on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watched the boats go by.  
*n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
22. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
23. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
24. The butterfly \_\_\_\_\_ its wings gracefully.  
*v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to plead not guilty.  
*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

ANSWERS: 18. jealousy, 19. grandchild, 20. deity, 21. riverbank, 22. anthropology, 23. archaeology, 24. fluttered, 25. retells

ANSWERS: