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## Session 1: Word List

### mountainside

*n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity

*synonym*: slope, hillside, incline

(1) climb a **mountainside**, (2) enjoy the view from the **mountainside**

The hiker slipped and fell down the **mountainside**, injuring herself.

### chisel

*n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior

*synonym*: gouge, bevel, plane

(1) sharpen **chisel**, (2) **chisel** some money

The archaeologist used a small **chisel** to excavate the ancient artifact.

### jackhammer

*n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects

*synonym*: pneumatic hammer, hammer drill

(1) handheld **jackhammer**, (2) loud **jackhammer** noise

The operator of the **jackhammer** wears noise-canceling headphones to protect their ears.

## dynamite

*n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes

*synonym*: explosives, blasting powder, TNT

(1) **dynamite-powered** engine, (2) **dynamite** fishing

The sound of the **dynamite** explosion could be heard for miles.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## facade

*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

*synonym*: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

## belie

*v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

*synonym*: disprove, refute, contradict

(1) **belie** his expectations, (2) **belies** the impact of the speaker's words

The peaceful surroundings **belied** the danger lurking just around the corner.

## 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.

## settler

*n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

*synonym* : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

## coercion

*n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

*synonym* : pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

## assimilate

*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

*synonym* : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

## nomadic

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

*synonym* : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym* : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## etch

*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

*synonym* : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

## arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym* : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

## sculptor

*n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

*synonym* : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym* : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## torso

*n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen

*synonym* : trunk, body, frame

(1) **torso** injury, (2) a **torso** in bronze

He was hit in the **torso** and was rushed to the hospital.

## rubble

*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

*synonym* : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

## desecrate

v. to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

*synonym*: violate, disrespect, profane

(1) **desecrate** a grave, (2) **desecrate** a holy site

It is disrespectful to **desecrate** someone's place of worship or memorial.

## immortalize

v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently

*synonym*: eternalize, perpetuate, memorialize

(1) **immortalize** a person in verse, (2) **immortalize** his name

This melody **immortalized** its composer.

## confederacy

n. a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

*synonym*: alliance, union, league

(1) urban **confederacy**, (2) the rebelling **confederacy**

The **confederacy** of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.

## entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

*synonym*: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

## 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.

## patriotic

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

*synonym*: loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

## untouched

*adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

*synonym*: untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

## engrave

*v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

*synonym*: carve, inscribe, etch

(1) **engrave** initials, (2) **engrave** metal

He wanted to **engrave** his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. e__h a design into wood             | v.   | to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern |
| 2. in____t a cave                      | v.   | to live in a specific location; to reside   |
| 3. ass_____te a language               | v.   | to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate  |
| 4. un_____ed wilderness                | adj. | not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way  |
| 5. an ar_____nt attitude               | adj. | having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities   |
| 6. ca__e my name on the plate          | v.   | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply   |
| 7. no_____c herdsmen                   | adj. | moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time  |
| 8. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | n.   | a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 9. gra_____ld development              | n.   | a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 10. ca__e a statue                     | v.   | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply   |
| 11. de_____te a grave                  | v.   | to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy                                  |

ANSWERS: 1. etch, 2. inhabit, 3. assimilate, 4. untouched, 5. arrogant, 6. carve, 7. nomadic, 8. grandchild, 9. grandchild, 10. carve, 11. desecrate

12. dy\_\_\_\_te-powered engine      *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes
13. a to\_\_o in bronze      *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
14. enjoy the view from the mou\_\_\_\_ide      *n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity
15. dy\_\_\_\_te fishing      *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes
16. no\_\_\_\_c life      *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
17. clear away ru\_\_\_\_e      *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
18. ru\_\_\_\_e-strewn road      *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

ANSWERS: 12. dynamite, 13. torso, 14. mountainside, 15. dynamite, 16. nomadic, 17. rubble, 18. rubble



19. fa\_\_\_e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
20. in\_\_\_\_t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
21. the rebelling con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
22. un\_\_\_\_\_ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
23. new se\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
24. en\_\_\_\_\_e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
25. be\_\_e his expectations *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
26. to\_\_o injury *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
27. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze his name *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
28. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
29. be\_\_es the impact of the speaker's words *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 19. facade, 20. inhabit, 21. confederacy, 22. untouched, 23. settler, 24. entitle, 25. belie, 26. torso, 27. immortalize, 28. complication, 29. belie

30. en\_\_\_\_e metal      *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
31. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic duty      *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
32. handheld jac\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
33. sharpen ch\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
34. se\_\_\_\_\_rs on some foreign shore      *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
35. se\_\_e a person's property      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
36. co\_\_\_\_\_on through force      *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
37. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze a person in verse      *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
38. se\_\_e the day      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 30. engrave, 31. patriotic, 32. jackhammer, 33. chisel, 34. settler, 35. seize, 36. coercion, 37. immortalize, 38. seize

39. ch\_\_\_l some money *n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
40. loud jac\_\_\_\_\_er noise *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
41. climb a mou\_\_\_\_\_ide *n.* the side or slope of a mountain often used to describe the location or position of a particular object or activity
42. renowned sc\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
43. ass\_\_\_\_\_te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
44. the outside fa\_\_\_e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
45. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
46. physical co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
47. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
48. de\_\_\_\_\_te a holy site *v.* to treat a sacred or cherished object or place with disrespect or irreverence; to violate, damage, or defile something that is considered sacred or holy

ANSWERS: 39. chisel, 40. jackhammer, 41. mountainside, 42. sculptor, 43. assimilate, 44. facade, 45. patriotic, 46. coercion, 47. arrogant, 48. desecrate

49. com\_\_\_\_\_ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
50. en\_\_\_\_\_e initials *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
51. urban con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
52. sc\_\_\_\_\_or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
53. en\_\_\_\_\_e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
54. e\_\_h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 49. complication, 50. engrave, 51. confederacy, 52. sculptor, 53. entitle, 54. etch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A gentle \_\_\_\_\_ concealed his powerfulness.  
*n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
  
2. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
  
3. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.  
*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
  
4. He was hit in the \_\_\_\_\_ and was rushed to the hospital.  
*n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
  
5. He used a sharp tool to \_\_\_\_\_ his initials onto the metal.  
*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
  
6. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.  
*v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
  
7. This melody \_\_\_\_\_ its composer.  
*v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently

ANSWERS: 1. facade, 2. complications, 3. arrogant, 4. torso, 5. etch, 6. engrave, 7. immortalized

8. The government used \_\_\_\_\_ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.
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9. I have no idea what sort of folks \_\_\_\_\_ the neighborhood.
- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
10. This dessert is the territory of \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.
- adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
11. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
12. He was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt with the American flag on it.
- adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
13. The employee was \_\_\_\_\_ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
14. The peaceful surroundings \_\_\_\_\_ the danger lurking just around the corner.
- v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 8. coercion, 9. inhabit, 10. nomadic, 11. rubble, 12. patriotic, 13. entitled, 14. belied

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ANSWERS: 15. dynamite, 16. carved, 17. grandchild, 18. mountainside, 19. confederacy, 20. desecrate, 21. jackhammer, 22. chisel

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*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
26. The immigrant struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ into the new culture.  
*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
27. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.  
*n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

ANSWERS: 23. settler, 24. untouched, 25. seize, 26. assimilate, 27. sculptor