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Session 1: Word List

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym: charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

selfless

adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

synonym: unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym: fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate
Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

unimportant

adj. not important
synonym: inconsiderable, inconsequential, insignificant

(1) **unimportant** information, (2) **unimportant** event
He regretted having undertaken the **unimportant** job without thinking about the consequences.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**
They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water
Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(*noun*) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

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.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

multilingual

adj. skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

synonym: polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

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.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in an unp_____ive manner | <i>adj.</i> not producing or able to produce very much or desired results |
| 2. dis_____ed by a conversation | <i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
| 3. mul_____ual education | <i>adj.</i> skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups |
| 4. re___e a hero | <i>v.</i> to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem |
| 5. d__m socially responsible | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 6. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 7. artistic ren_____ce | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music |
| 8. de_____ia patients | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury |
| 9. re___e a deity | <i>v.</i> to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem |
| 10. Ar_____an romances | <i>adj.</i> relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him |

ANSWERS: 1. unproductive, 2. distracted, 3. multilingual, 4. revere, 5. deem, 6. storytelling, 7. Renaissance, 8. dementia, 9. revere, 10. Arthurian

11. welfare ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
12. qu___t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
13. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
15. se_____ss devotion *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
16. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
17. qu___t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
18. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
19. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 11. caretaker, 12. quaint, 13. Christ, 14. trajectory, 15. selfless, 16. intertwine, 17. quaint, 18. moth, 19. harass

20. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
21. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
22. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
23. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
24. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
25. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
26. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
27. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
28. se_____ss act *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
29. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
30. d___m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 20. ripple, 21. ripple, 22. trajectory, 23. creditor, 24. dementia, 25. Christ, 26. unproductive, 27. grandparent, 28. selfless, 29. multitasking, 30. deem

31. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
32. mu____r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
33. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
34. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
35. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
36. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
37. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
38. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
39. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
40. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
41. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 31. Renaissance, 32. murmur, 33. creditor, 34. Arthurian, 35. empathy, 36. boycott, 37. disrespect, 38. pandemic, 39. intertwine, 40. pandemic, 41. disrespect

42. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
43. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
44. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
45. be_____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
46. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
47. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
48. mu___r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
49. uni_____nt information *adj.* not important
50. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
51. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
52. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 42. liberate, 43. sociologist, 44. misrepresent, 45. belittle, 46. moth, 47. boycott, 48. murmur, 49. unimportant, 50. grandparent, 51. retell, 52. harass

53. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
54. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
55. the role of ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
56. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
57. be_____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
58. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
59. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
60. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
61. uni_____nt event *adj.* not important
62. re_____l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
63. mul_____ual staff *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

ANSWERS: 53. sociologist, 54. distracted, 55. caretaker, 56. storytelling, 57. belittle, 58. multitasking, 59. liberate, 60. empathy, 61. unimportant, 62. retell, 63. multilingual

64. mis_____ent a company's policies v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

ANSWERS: 64. misrepresent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.
 - v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

2. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
 - n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

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ANSWERS: 8. grandparents, 9. harassed, 10. renaissance, 11. Empathy, 12. belittled, 13. misrepresents, 14. Arthurian, 15. quaint

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ANSWERS: 16. moth, 17. dementia, 18. Christmas, 19. ripple, 20. Sociologist, 21. distracted, 22. retells, 23. creditor

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ANSWERS: 24. liberated, 25. multilingual, 26. multitasking, 27. boycott, 28. intertwine, 29. trajectory, 30. disrespectful, 31. selfless

32. The negotiations between labor and management were _____.

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

ANSWERS: 32. unproductive