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Session 1: Word List

mischievous

 adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym: naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym: cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic waterfall, (2) a waterfall with a fall of ten feet Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped waterfall basin.

subterranean

adj. under the ground

synonym: underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

dwarf

 a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star *synonym*: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted dwarf tree, (2) a wise old dwarf

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

otter

- a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
- (1) otter in the river, (2) sea- otter fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

pelt

v. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

synonym: hurl, fling, throw

(1) **pelt** him with stones, (2) **pelt** with questions

The crowd **pelted** the stage with bottles and cans in protest.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) greet a customer, (2) greet an idea

He greeted his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

summon

to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

procure

 to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym: obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

craftsman

 a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) craftsman skill, (2) a subtle craftsman

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

nymph

 n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform

synonym: sprite, fairy, pixie

(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**

The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.

mound

 a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym: hill, knoll, rise

(1) mound of dirt, (2) burial mound

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

infuriate

to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

synonym: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

seize

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.

conjure

to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

wriggle

to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

synonym: squirm, jerk, twist

(1) wriggle free, (2) wriggle in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

squirm

to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

- (1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.
- to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures

synonym: mock, ridicule, deride

(1) **jeer** at the speaker, (2) **jeer** at the performance

jeer

The crowd **jeered** at the losing team.

lair

- n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal
- synonym: den, hideout, shelter
- (1) lair of a dragon, (2) lair of a criminal

The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.

glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

synonym: sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

doom

 death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic doom, (2) prophet of doom

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

whisker

n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

synonym: hair, whisk, bristle

(1) whisker trimming, (2) box- whisker chart

The cat's **whiskers** twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.

peek

 a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

relinquish

- v. to give up power, control, or possession synonym: surrender, give up, abandon
- (1) **relinquish** control, (2) **relinquish** all hope She decided to **relinquish** her role as the leader of the group.

shudder

- v. to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
- synonym: tremble, shake, quiver
- (1) **shudder** at the thought, (2) **shudder** with fear I couldn't help but **shudder** when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.

greedy

- adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
- synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping
- (1) greedy person, (2) greedy for moneyHis greedy behavior led him to steal from the company.

envy

- v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
- synonym: covet, resent, grudge
- (1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

pry

- to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
- *synonym*: probe, investigate, inquire
- (1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym: desire, yearn, crave

(1) covet wealth, (2) covet fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

warp

 to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) warp under pressure, (2) become warped

The ship's hull was warped from years of use in rough seas.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym: appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear gruesome details, (2) gruesome accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

enlist

 to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

slay

- v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon synonym: kill, murder, eliminate
- (1) slay a dragon, (2) slay civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym: bake, broil, grill

(1) roast coffee beans, (2) roast beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

empower

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something synonym: authorize, endow, entitle
- (1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

- mo__h into something entirely different
- 2. I r of a criminal
- 3. ro t beef
- 4. prophet of d_m
- 5. se__e a person's property
- 6. wr___e free
- 7. ro t coffee beans
- 8. co e a vision
- 9. wh r trimming
- 10. sl h along the street

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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
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- v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
- n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
- v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

ANSWERS: 1. morph, 2. lair, 3. roast, 4. doom, 5. seize, 6. wriggle, 7. roast, 8. conjure, 9. whisker, 10. slouch

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to hit or throw things at someone or ν. something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily

ANSWERS: 11. waterfall, 12. mischievous, 13. jeer, 14. glint, 15. procure, 16. greet, 17. otter, 18. peek, 19. empower, 20. pelt

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ANSWERS: 21. nymph, 22. squirm, 23. marvelous, 24. infuriate, 25. instruct, 26. subterranean, 27. enlist, 28. pry, 29. empower, 30. covet, 31. jeer

32.	a subtle cran	n.	a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
33.	box-whr chart	n.	any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
34.	become wped	ν.	to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
35.	see the day	v.	to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
36.	misus sense of humor	adj.	causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
37.	hear grme details	adj.	causing horror or disgust
38.	relsh control	<i>v</i> .	to give up power, control, or possession
39.	Ir of a dragon	n.	a den or shelter used by a wild animal
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- 43. mo d of dirt
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- 45. gl_t coldly
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- 47. su___n a city council
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- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
- n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
- v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

ANSWERS: 42. slay, 43. mound, 44. envy, 45. glint, 46. waterfall, 47. summon, 48. dwarf, 49. procure

- 50. su___n a lawyer
- 51. be___y confidence
- 52. be___y a friend
- 53. sneak p__k
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ANSWERS: 50. summon, 51. betray, 52. betray, 53. peek, 54. mound, 55. greet, 56. dwarf, 57. slouch, 58. shudder

59.	gry person	adj.	having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
60.	wre in surprise	ν.	to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
61.	inte employees	<i>v</i> .	to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
62.	grme accident	adj.	causing horror or disgust
63.	shr at the thought	v.	to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
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ANSWERS: 69. craftsman, 70. slay, 71. pelt, 72. doom, 73. instruct, 74. greedy, 75. marvelous, 76. morph, 77. relinquish, 78. enlist, 79. pry, 80. squirm

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. v.	He decided to in the military after graduating from high school. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
2. v.	The crowd at the losing team. to mock or scornfully shout at someone; to express derision or contempt by words or gestures
3. n.	Everyone was aware of the impending but was unable to prevent it. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
4 . <i>v</i> .	The crowd the stage with bottles and cans in protest. to hit or throw things at someone or something repeatedly and forcefully; to rain heavily
5. n.	The sea were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
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	SWERS: 1. enlist, 2. jeered, 3. doom, 4. pelted, 5. nymphs, 6. marvelous, 7. covet glinted

9.	He used a crowbar to open the locked door.
<i>v</i> .	to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
10.	The chef the chicken to perfection in the oven.
v.	to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
11.	The child started to out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.
v.	to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
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13.	The cat's twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.
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15.	The tiger's was filled with treasure.
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