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Session 1: Word List

baritone

adj. relating to a male voice that is intermediate between bass and tenor

synonym : deep, rich, sonorous

(1) **baritone** singer, (2) **baritone** saxophone

His **baritone** voice was perfect for the role of the villain in the play.

snarl

v. to growl aggressively or menacingly, usually in a way that signals anger or hostility; to tangle or knot together in a way that is difficult to unpack or untangle; (noun) a sound or an expression that is made by an animal or a person when they are angry, showing their teeth and producing a harsh, low growling noise

synonym : growl, snap, bark

(1) **snarl** in defiance, (2) **snarl** of frustration

The dog **snarled** at the mailman who came to deliver the package.

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym : rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

homecoming

n. a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home

synonym: return, arrival, reunion

(1) high school **homecoming**, (2) plan a **homecoming** event

An annual **homecoming** parade is a big event for the local high school.

acclaim

n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

synonym: praise, admiration, welcome

(1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**

The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym: cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the

funeral.

reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

synonym: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

whereabouts

n. the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

synonym: location, position, residence

(1) unknown **whereabouts**, (2) revealing **whereabouts**

The police are still investigating the **whereabouts** of the missing person.

untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

synonym: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

scandalous

adj. causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

synonym: disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

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.

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**.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

fieldwork

n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

(1) meticulous **fieldwork**, (2) perform **fieldwork**

Numerous instances from **fieldwork** show these hypotheses in great detail.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym : myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

florid

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

synonym: ornate, elaborate, flowery

(1) **florid** music, (2) **florid** style

The **florid** language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

omniscient

adj. having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

synonym: all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

(1) **omniscient** being, (2) **omniscient** point of view

An **omniscient** narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

narration

n. the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

synonym: story-telling, recital, account

(1) **narration** of events, (2) exaggerate in **narration**

His **narration** of the story was engaging and captivating.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym: dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

unknowable

adj. impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding

synonym: mysterious, enigmatic, unknowable

(1) **unknowable** complexity, (2) **unknowable** future

The mysteries of the universe are often considered **unknowable**.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em____y for patients | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 2. de____e him of his status | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone |
| 3. ac____m the winner | <i>n.</i> praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly |
| 4. fo____re tradition | <i>n.</i> traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally |
| 5. omn____nt point of view | <i>adj.</i> having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding |
| 6. have dis____us consequences | <i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful |
| 7. ga____r attention | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 8. absolutely dis____us effect | <i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful |
| 9. de____e others of profit | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone |
| 10. re____ar on the surface | <i>v.</i> to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time |
| 11. torrential do____ur | <i>n.</i> a heavy rain that often starts suddenly |
| 12. a local di____t | <i>n.</i> a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics |

ANSWERS: 1. empathy, 2. deprive, 3. acclaim, 4. folklore, 5. omniscient, 6. disastrous, 7. garner, 8. disastrous, 9. deprive, 10. reappear, 11. downpour, 12. dialect

13. fl___d music *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
14. un___le a situation *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
15. revealing whe_____ts *n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located
16. pai_____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
17. meticulous fi_____rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
18. un___h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
19. unk_____le future *adj.* impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
20. re___ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
21. na_____on of events *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
22. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
23. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 13. florid, 14. untangle, 15. whereabouts, 16. painstaking, 17. fieldwork, 18. unleash, 19. unknowable, 20. reappear, 21. narration, 22. Renaissance, 23. garner

24. unk_____le complexity *adj.* impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
25. sn__l in defiance *v.* to growl aggressively or menacingly, usually in a way that signals anger or hostility; to tangle or knot together in a way that is difficult to unpack or untangle; (noun) a sound or an expression that is made by an animal or a person when they are angry, showing their teeth and producing a harsh, low growling noise
26. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
27. ba_____ne saxophone *adj.* relating to a male voice that is intermediate between bass and tenor
28. sn__l of frustration *v.* to growl aggressively or menacingly, usually in a way that signals anger or hostility; to tangle or knot together in a way that is difficult to unpack or untangle; (noun) a sound or an expression that is made by an animal or a person when they are angry, showing their teeth and producing a harsh, low growling noise
29. social ant_____ogy *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: 24. unknowable, 25. snarl, 26. defiance, 27. baritone, 28. snarl, 29. anthropology

30. minority di____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
31. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
32. re____t being called a fool *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
33. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
34. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
35. un____le a problem *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
36. ab____t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
37. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
38. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 30. dialect, 31. unleash, 32. resent, 33. poetic, 34. defy, 35. untangle, 36. abrupt, 37. storytelling, 38. Renaissance

39. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
40. sh___d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
41. a pai_____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
42. exaggerate in na_____on *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
43. fl___d style *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
44. treated with royal ac_____m *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
45. do_____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
46. sca_____us revelations *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
47. perform fi_____rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
48. omn_____nt being *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
49. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 39. poetic, 40. shroud, 41. painstaking, 42. narration, 43. florid, 44. acclaim, 45. downpour, 46. scandalous, 47. fieldwork, 48. omniscient, 49. storytelling

50. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
51. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
52. sh____d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
53. high school hom_____ng *n.* a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home
54. sca_____us behavior *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
55. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
56. speak in an ab____t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
57. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
58. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
59. plan a hom_____ng event *n.* a return to one's home or hometown, often following an extended period of absence, such as after graduation, military service, or travel; a celebratory event or tradition welcoming someone back home

ANSWERS: 50. defiance, 51. defy, 52. shroud, 53. homecoming, 54. scandalous, 55. whim, 56. abrupt, 57. loneliness, 58. empathy, 59. homecoming

60. unknown whe_____ts *n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located
61. re___t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
62. ba_____ne singer *adj.* relating to a male voice that is intermediate between bass and tenor
63. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
64. fo_____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
65. a strong sense of lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
66. 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: 60. whereabouts, 61. resent, 62. baritone, 63. whim, 64. folklore, 65. loneliness, 66. anthropology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
adj. sudden and unexpected
2. The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread _____ from the theater community.
n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
3. I need to _____ this knot before using this rope piece.
v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
4. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
5. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.
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6. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
7. The police are still investigating the _____ of the missing person.
n. the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

ANSWERS: 1. abrupt, 2. acclaim, 3. untangle, 4. unleash, 5. shroud, 6. storytelling, 7. whereabouts

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9. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
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- n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
11. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
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12. Cancer has _____ at the same site.
- v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
13. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
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- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
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ANSWERS: 8. folklore, 9. defy, 10. downpour, 11. Empathy, 12. reappeared, 13. deprived, 14. renaissance, 15. resent

16. His _____ of the story was engaging and captivating.
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adj. impossible to know or comprehend; beyond the limits of human understanding
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ANSWERS: 16. narration, 17. dialect, 18. whim, 19. poetic, 20. florid, 21. defiance,

22. unknowable, 23. scandalous, 24. snarled

25. Numerous instances from _____ show these hypotheses in great detail.
n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
26. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
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ANSWERS: 25. fieldwork, 26. garner, 27. painstaking, 28. baritone, 29. homecoming, 30. disastrous, 31. anthropology, 32. omniscient

33. I realize the _____ of a single life.

- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

ANSWERS: 33. loneliness