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Session 1: Word List

- ode** *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
synonym : poem, song, verse
(1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love
The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.
- germ** *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen
(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- blip** *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
(1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**
The stock market had one bad **blip** today.
- sprout** *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
synonym

: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

noir

adj. a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

synonym: dark, shadowy, black

(1) **noir** crime novel, (2) **noir** atmosphere

The film **noir** genre is known for its dark and brooding atmosphere.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

flamingo

n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

ukulele

n. a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings

synonym : uke, small guitar

(1) tune the **ukulele**, (2) **ukulele** music

He played the **ukulele** and sang sweet Hawaiian songs on the beach.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

orb

n. a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars

synonym : globe, sphere, ball

(1) **orb** of light, (2) crystal **orb**

The planet Venus appeared as a bright **orb** in the sky during the night.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

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.

foliage

n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: leaves, greenery, flora

(1) colorful **foliage**, (2) autumn **foliage**

The vibrant **foliage** on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

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.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym : rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

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 money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym : hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym : recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival
He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

lament

v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

synonym: mourn, grieve, bemoan

(1) **lament** my misfortunes, (2) **lament** the situation
She **lamented** the loss of her beloved cat.

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

synonym: enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite
He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

infinitesimal

adj. extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity

synonym: tiny, minuscule, microscopic

(1) **infinitesimal** variation, (2) **infinitesimal** change
The scientist used an **infinitesimal** amount of the compound in their experiment.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**
Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the infinite in _____ty of man
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
2. fl_____go flock
n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
3. re____h my food
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
4. mo_____to repellent
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
5. nu_____e his talents
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
6. a racing pi____n
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
7. inf_____mal change
adj. extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity
8. uk_____e music
n. a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
9. de_____t eye
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

ANSWERS: 1. ingenuity, 2. flamingo, 3. relish, 4. mosquito, 5. nurture, 6. pigeon, 7. infinitesimal, 8. ukulele, 9. defiant

10. sp__t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
11. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
12. hard to re__n *v.* to think or believe something
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
15. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
16. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
17. minor b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
18. colorful fo_____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 10. sprout, 11. morph, 12. reckon, 13. opportune, 14. constellation, 15. pretension, 16. extinguish, 17. blip, 18. foliage

19. la___t the situation *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
20. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
21. inf_____mal variation *adj.* extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity
22. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
23. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
24. fell ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
25. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
26. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
27. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
28. nature o_e *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
29. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 19. lament, 20. cosmos, 21. infinitesimal, 22. arrogance, 23. maneuver, 24. overboard, 25. industrious, 26. headlight, 27. conquer, 28. ode, 29. astronaut

30. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
32. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
33. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
34. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
35. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
36. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
37. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
38. exploration of co_____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
39. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 30. industrious, 31. conquer, 32. extinguish, 33. morph, 34. reckon, 35. greedy, 36. constellation, 37. nurture, 38. cosmos, 39. opportune, 40. intimidate

41. temporary b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
42. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
43. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
44. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
45. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
46. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
47. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
48. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
49. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
50. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
51. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 41. blip, 42. greedy, 43. headlight, 44. intimidate, 45. narrate, 46. ingenuity, 47. peril, 48. narrate, 49. carve, 50. arrogance, 51. astronaut

52. n__r atmosphere *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French
53. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
54. autumn fo____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
55. ob____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
56. sp__t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
57. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
58. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
59. a de____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
60. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 52. noir, 53. peril, 54. foliage, 55. oblivious, 56. sprout, 57. grind, 58. carve, 59. defiant, 60. germ

61. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
62. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
63. dumped ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
64. crystal o_b *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
65. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
66. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
67. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
68. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
69. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 61. maneuver, 62. spectator, 63. overboard, 64. orb, 65. oblivious, 66. suffocate, 67. spectator, 68. suffocate, 69. grind

70. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
71. tune the uk_____e *n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
72. la____t my misfortunes *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
73. an o_e to love *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
74. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
75. fl_____go habitat *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
76. o_b of light *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
77. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 70. pretension, 71. ukulele, 72. lament, 73. ode, 74. germ, 75. flamingo, 76. orb, 77. mosquito

78. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
79. re___h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
80. n___r crime novel *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

ANSWERS: 78. pigeon, 79. relish, 80. noir

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
2. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
3. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
4. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
5. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

ANSWERS: 1. constellation, 2. astronaut, 3. spectator, 4. defiant, 5. reckons, 6. opportune, 7. greedy

8. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
9. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
10. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
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11. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. The poet composed a beautiful ____ to nature and its wonders.
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ANSWERS: 8. carved, 9. extinguish, 10. suffocate, 11. industrious, 12. ode, 13. relished, 14. cosmos, 15. narrate

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17. She _____ the loss of her beloved cat.
- v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
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- n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
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- v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
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- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
23. The vibrant _____ on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.
- n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 16. pigeon, 17. lamented, 18. ukulele, 19. grind, 20. germ, 21. pretensions, 22. maneuver, 23. foliage

24. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
- v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
25. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
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29. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
- adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
30. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
- v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
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- n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

ANSWERS: 24. sprout, 25. nurture, 26. noir, 27. ingenuity, 28. flamingo's, 29. oblivious, 30. intimidate, 31. arrogance

32. This company _____ into an enterprise company.

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

33. The scientist used an _____ amount of the compound in their experiment.

- adj.* extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity

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ANSWERS: 32. morphed, 33. infinitesimal, 34. mosquitos, 35. blip, 36. peril, 37. headlight, 38. orb, 39. overboard

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v. to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 40. conquer