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Session 1: Word List

rendition

n. a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment

synonym: interpretation, performance, presentation

(1) **rendition** of judgment, (2) film **rendition**

The singer gave a beautiful **rendition** of the classic song during the concert.

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.

choreograph

- v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
- (1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

ballerina

 a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

synonym

: dancer, danseuse

(1) classical **ballerina**, (2) famous **ballerina**The **ballerina's** graceful movements were a joy to watch.

flurry

 a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

synonym: burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

depict

- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph synonym: illustrate, describe, express
- (1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

bestow

ν. to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present

synonym: give, grant, present

(1) **bestow** the name, (2) **bestow** a warm praise He did not **bestow** one thought on his dead friend.

aurora

- a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
- (1) **aurora** watching, (2) polar **aurora**Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the **aurora**.

generosity

- n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freelysynonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness
- (1) act of generosity,(2) boundless generosityHe is remembered for his generosity and civilization.

pluck

to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

mimic

to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

- (1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.
- to make a vibratory, quavering sound, often in singing or speech, by rapidly alternating between two different notes; (noun) a musical sound or vocalization produced by a rapid alternation between two adjacent pitches

synonym: warble, quaver, chirp

(1) trill melodious song, (2) the trill of a bird The soprano singer's voice **trilled** with pure clarity, captivating the audience.

temperance

moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of n. alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior

synonym: abstinence, sobriety, teetotalism

- (1) **temperance** society, (2) **temperance** pledge The **temperance** movement was a push to ban alcohol consumption in the United States in the early 1900s.
- to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

trill

electrify

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

synchronize

- v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize
- (1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat;characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

diverge

- v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or coursesynonym: separate, split, part
- (1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

exuberant

- adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse productionsynonym: joyful, elated, ebullient
- (1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

impatience

 a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty spectacle,(2) spectacle lensShe could not help watching the sad spectacle.

adagio

 a slow tempo in music, slower than andante but faster than largo

synonym: slow movement, slow tempo

(1) adagio dance, (2) adagio music

The **adagio** section of the piece was played with great emotion and expressiveness.

suitor

 a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company

synonym: wooer, admirer, beau

(1) potential suitors, (2) ward off a suitor

The princess had many **suitors** who sought her hand in marriage.

vie

v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

synonym: compete, contend, strive

(1) vie for a trophy, (2) vie for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel dizzy, (2) had a dizzy spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting dizzy.

restrain

 to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) restrain from violence, (2) restrain a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

coy

adj. deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion

synonym: bashful, shy, demure

(1) coy smile, (2) coy behavior

The **coy** mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.

flirt

 to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

synonym: tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl My husband never **flirts** with other women.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

enchant

- v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch
- (1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

 The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

fairytale

n. a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals

synonym: fable, myth, legend

(1) **fairytale** romance, (2) popular **fairytale**The children's book was a **fairytale** about a princess and her journey to find true love.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

Session 2: Spelling

2. sp____le lens

1. re in from violence to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral

force: to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior: to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

something or someone seen, especially n. a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting

defective vision

business imp____ce a feeling of restlessness or irritation 3. n. caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of

patience

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to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses

her sex appeal to exploit men

5. a natural appearance of colored light in polar au___a n.

Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around

the Arctic and Antarctic

6. potential su___rs

a man who seeks the favor, hand in n. marriage; a prospective buyer who

wants to take control of another

company

a type of story that typically involves 7. fa le romance n.

magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to

achieve their goals

ANSWERS: 1. restrain, 2. spectacle, 3. impatience, 4. flirt, 5. aurora, 6. suitor, 7. fairytale

8.	elfy a manufacturing process	ν.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
9.	choph a stage performance	v.	to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
10.	temce pledge	n.	moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior
11.	famous bana	n.	a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
12.	exnt personality	adj.	full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
13.	act of genty	n.	the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
14.	v_e for a trophy	<i>v</i> .	to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
15.	ward off a sur	n.	a man who seeks the favor, hand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants to take control of another company

ANSWERS: 8. electrify, 9. choreograph, 10. temperance, 11. ballerina, 12. exuberant, 13. generosity, 14. vie, 15. suitor

16.	plk out weeds	v.	to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
17.	ado music	n.	a slow tempo in music, slower than andante but faster than largo
18.	ded a steep hill	v.	to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
19.	ded by elevator	v.	to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
20.	v_e for attention	ν.	to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
21.	die from the main topic	<i>v</i> .	to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
22.	temce society	n.	moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior
23.	feel diy	adj.	having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
24.	ent the audience	v.	to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
25.	synze movements	<i>v</i> .	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 16. pluck, 17. adagio, 18. descend, 19. descend, 20. vie, 21. diverge, 22. temperance, 23. dizzy, 24. enchant, 25. synchronize

- 26. be___w the name27. had a di__y spell28. fl__t like a schoolgirl
- 29. pl__k a gray hair
- 30. c_y smile
- 31. mi__c numerous instruments
- 32. classical ba____na
- 33. re____on of judgment

34. tr__I melodious song

- v. to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
- adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
- v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
- adj. deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
- a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
- n. a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment
- v. to make a vibratory, quavering sound, often in singing or speech, by rapidly alternating between two different notes; (noun) a musical sound or vocalization produced by a rapid alternation between two adjacent pitches

ANSWERS: 26. bestow, 27. dizzy, 28. flirt, 29. pluck, 30. coy, 31. mimic, 32. ballerina, 33. rendition, 34. trill

35. in a rh ic pace 36. de ta scene 37. boundless gen____ty 38. a rh____ic stroking 39. c y behavior 40. a pai____ng student 41. re____in a child 42. confidence tu es as unemployment rates rose

43. fl___y of emails

- adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
- v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
- the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
- adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
- adj. deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
- adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
- v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
- v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
- n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

ANSWERS: 35. rhythmic, 36. depict, 37. generosity, 38. rhythmic, 39. coy, 40. painstaking, 41. restrain, 42. tumble, 43. flurry

44.	aua watching	n.	a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
45.	bew a warm praise	<i>v</i> .	to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
46.	decct the existing system	v.	to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
47.	exquisitely chophed	<i>v</i> .	to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
48.	popular fale	n.	a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals
49.	the trl of a bird	ν.	to make a vibratory, quavering sound, often in singing or speech, by rapidly alternating between two different notes; (noun) a musical sound or vocalization produced by a rapid alternation between two adjacent pitches
50.	die from tradition	ν.	to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
51.	ent the crowd	ν.	to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 44. aurora, 45. bestow, 46. deconstruct, 47. choreograph, 48. fairytale, 49. trill, 50. diverge, 51. enchant

52.	film reon	n.	a performance or interpretation, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version or translation of something into another language or style; the act of surrendering someone to another country for interrogation or punishment
53.	decct his method	v.	to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
54.	mic a human voice	ν.	to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
55.	bennt gesture	adj.	well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
56.	synze our watches	<i>v</i> .	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
57.	tue down the hill	v.	to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
58.	a bennt individual	adj.	well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
59.	fly of activity	n.	a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
60.	det a feeling of isolation	ν.	to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 52. rendition, 53. deconstruct, 54. mimic, 55. benevolent, 56. synchronize, 57. tumble, 58. benevolent, 59. flurry, 60. depict

61.	pretty sple	n.	something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
62.	exnt performance	adj.	full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
63.	elfy the audience	v.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
64.	paing research	adj.	cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
65.	ado dance	n.	a slow tempo in music, slower than andante but faster than largo
66.	impce with delays	n.	a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 61. spectacle, 62. exuberant, 63. electrify, 64. painstaking, 65. adagio, 66. impatience

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	A of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.
n.	a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
2.	He is remembered for his and civilization.
n.	the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
3.	The children's book was a about a princess and her journey to find true love.
n.	a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals
4.	Northern and southern hemispheres alike experience the
n.	a natural appearance of colored light in Earth's sky that is usually seen in high-latitude regions, especially around the Arctic and Antarctic
5.	The police had to the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
<i>v</i> .	to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
6.	The graceful movements were a joy to watch.
n.	a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
AN	SWERS: 1. flurry, 2. generosity, 3. fairytale, 4. aurora, 5. restrain, 6. ballerina's

7.	As tectonic plates new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.	
<i>v</i> .	to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch of deviate from a path or course	off or
8.	He is very popular at school because he can all the teachers' accent	S.
v.	to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh	
9.	She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to various categories of literature.	
<i>v</i> .	to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; t interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning	0
10.	He did not one thought on his dead friend.	
v.	to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present	
11.	The sound of the drums was mesmerizing.	
adj	having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythi	n
12.	Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting	
adj	having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance	
13.	The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly	
v.	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate	
14.	The young couple's energy was infectious, and everyone aroun them was smiling.	d
adj	full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production	∣in
AN	SWERS: 7. diverge, 8. mimic, 9. deconstruct, 10. bestow, 11. rhythmic, 12. c	dizzy,

13. synchronized, 14. exuberant

15.	He had	the da	ance in this play himself.
v.	to compose	a sequence of da	ance steps, often to music
16.	She was	from an ol	ld Italian noble family.
<i>v</i> .	to move dow relationship		r; to come from, or to be connected by a
17.	The singer ga	ve a beautiful	of the classic song during the concert.
n.	or translation	n of something int	on, often of a piece of music or artwork; a version to another language or style; the act of other country for interrogation or punishment
18.	The princess I	nad many	who sought her hand in marriage.
n.		seeks the favor, he ol of another com	nand in marriage; a prospective buyer who wants npany
19.	The doctor ad his medical co		age his as stress could exacerbate
<i>n</i> .	•		ritation caused by a desire for something to ckly; lack of patience
20.	The soprano s	singer's voice	with pure clarity, captivating the audience.
v.	alternating b	etween two differ	g sound, often in singing or speech, by rapidly rent notes; (noun) a musical sound or vocalization on between two adjacent pitches
21.	His son had a	ccurately	the bloom.
v.	to illustrate s	omeone or some	ething in a photograph
22.	She	the flowers off the	e bush.
v.	to pull or dra feathers	w something, esp	pecially with sudden force or effort; to strip of
		horeographed, 16 lled, 21. depicted	6. descended, 17. rendition, 18. suitors, 19. I, 22. plucked

23.	She could not help watching the sad
n.	something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
	The donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
adj.	well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
25. ⁻	They both for the top spot in the company.
<i>v</i> .	to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
26. ⁻	The value of the currency against major international currencies.
ν.	to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
	The section of the piece was played with great emotion and expressiveness.
n.	a slow tempo in music, slower than andante but faster than largo
28.	The training of a hawk was a process.
adj.	cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
29. [°]	The fairy's spell the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
ν.	to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
30.	My husband never with other women.
<i>v</i> .	to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
	SWERS: 23. spectacle, 24. benevolent, 25. vied, 26. tumbled, 27. adagio, 28. staking, 29. enchanted, 30. flirts

31.	The product developed through years of research continues to the market.
<i>v</i> .	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
32.	The mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.
adj	deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
33.	The movement was a push to ban alcohol consumption in the United States in the early 1900s.
n.	moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior

ANSWERS: 31. electrify, 32. coy, 33. temperance