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Session 1: Word List

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

windfall

n. an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

synonym : bonus, unexpected gain

(1) **windfall** profit, (2) reap a **windfall**

Winning the lottery was an unexpected **windfall** for him.

plum

n. a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

(1) **plum** pudding, (2) **plum** harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked **plums** at the market.

intoxicate

v. (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior

synonym : befuddle, daze, fascinate

(1) be **intoxicated** with success, (2) **intoxicate** the person
For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to **intoxicate**.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River
We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym : monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

fermentation

n. the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat

synonym : brewing, culturing, pickling

(1) oxidative **fermentation**, (2) **fermentation** tank

The process of **fermentation** is used to make beer, wine, and many other products.

ferment

v. to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases;
(noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements

synonym: ripen, simmer, (noun) agitation

(1) **ferment** sugar into ethanol, (2) political **ferment**

The dough was left to **ferment** overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

millet

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

hallucinogen

n. a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline

synonym: psychedelic drug, mind-bender

(1) **hallucinogen** effects, (2) take a **hallucinogen**

Psilocybin is a type of **hallucinogen** found in some mushrooms.

cactus

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym : desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

synonym : weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym : lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

temperance

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

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.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

intoxication

n. the condition of being affected by alcohol or drugs in a way that impairs mental or physical abilities

synonym : drunkenness, inebriation, insobriety

(1) acetone **intoxication**, (2) sign of **intoxication**

He was arrested for driving under the **intoxication** of alcohol.

distillation

n. the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

synonym : distilling, extracting, purification

(1) steam **distillation**, (2) alcohol **distillation**

The process of **distillation** is used to purify water and other substances.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

vaporize

v. to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely

synonym : evaporate, disappear, vanish

(1) **vaporize** nicotine, (2) **vaporize** into thin air

The heat caused the water to **vaporize** into steam.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

rum

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

synonym : liquor, spirits, alcohol

(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**

The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

brandy

n. an alcoholic beverage made by distilling wine and aging it in oak barrels; typically has a higher alcohol content and a stronger flavor than wine

synonym : cognac, armagnac, eau-de-vie

(1) **brandy** distillery, (2) **brandy** cocktail

I love the taste of **brandy**, especially on a cold winter night.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

preservative

adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

synonym : conservative, preservative, saving

(1) **preservative-free**, (2) natural **preservative**

The **preservative** chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

Session 2: Spelling

1. political fe_____t
v. to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements
2. the go__es of the Yangtse River
n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
3. s_p flow
v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
4. Ar___c cuisine
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
5. pre_____ive-free
adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
6. la__h mechanism
n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
7. br___y distillery
n. an alcoholic beverage made by distilling wine and aging it in oak barrels; typically has a higher alcohol content and a stronger flavor than wine

ANSWERS: 1. ferment, 2. gorge, 3. sap, 4. Arabic, 5. preservative, 6. latch, 7. brandy

8. steam dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
9. un_____ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent
10. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
11. fe_____t sugar into ethanol *v.* to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements
12. cooking mi____t *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
13. r_m cocktail *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
14. p__m pudding *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
15. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 8. distillation, 9. unwitting, 10. Christ, 11. ferment, 12. millet, 13. rum, 14. plum, 15. Arabic

16. tem_____ce 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
17. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
18. small ca____s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
19. acetone int_____ion *n.* the condition of being affected by alcohol or drugs in a way that impairs mental or physical abilities
20. int_____te the person *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
21. br____y cocktail *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by distilling wine and aging it in oak barrels; typically has a higher alcohol content and a stronger flavor than wine
22. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
23. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
24. va_____ze nicotine *v.* to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 16. temperance, 17. medicinal, 18. cactus, 19. intoxication, 20. intoxicate, 21. brandy, 22. microbe, 23. medicinal, 24. vaporize

25. spiced r_m *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
26. potted ca___s *n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
27. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
28. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
29. oxidative fer_____ion *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
30. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
31. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
32. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
33. reap a wi_____ll *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
34. hal_____gen effects *n.* a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline

ANSWERS: 25. rum, 26. cactus, 27. stumble, 28. unwitting, 29. fermentation, 30. Jewish, 31. Christ, 32. rev, 33. windfall, 34. hallucinogen

35. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
36. alcohol dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
37. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
38. sign of int_____ion *n.* the condition of being affected by alcohol or drugs in a way that impairs mental or physical abilities
39. increasing mi___t harvests *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
40. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
41. p__m harvest *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
42. take a hal_____gen *n.* a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline

ANSWERS: 35. rev, 36. distillation, 37. microscopic, 38. intoxication, 39. millet, 40. ape, 41. plum, 42. hallucinogen

43. natural pre_____ive *adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
44. pathogenic mi_____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
45. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
46. st_____e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
47. va_____ze into thin air *v.* to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely
48. cast the go___e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
49. tem_____ce 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
50. wi_____ll profit *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
51. set the la__h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

ANSWERS: 43. preservative, 44. microbe, 45. stumble, 46. staple, 47. vaporize, 48. gorge, 49. temperance, 50. windfall, 51. latch

52. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
53. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
54. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
55. fer_____ion tank *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
56. s_p strength *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
57. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
58. be int_____ted with success *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
59. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
60. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
61. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 52. chimpanzee, 53. ape, 54. chimpanzee, 55. fermentation, 56. sap, 57. spoil, 58. intoxicate, 59. Jewish, 60. enslave, 61. staple

62. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
63. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
64. mic____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

ANSWERS: 62. enslave, 63. spoil, 64. microscopic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
 - n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
2. Winning the lottery was an unexpected _____ for him.
 - n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
3. I love the taste of _____ especially on a cold winter night.
 - n.* an alcoholic beverage made by distilling wine and aging it in oak barrels; typically has a higher alcohol content and a stronger flavor than wine
4. The ____ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
 - n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
5. The process of _____ is used to purify water and other substances.
 - n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
6. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.
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7. The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked _____ at the market.
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ANSWERS: 1. apes, 2. windfall, 3. brandy, 4. rum, 5. distillation, 6. gorge, 7. plums

8. The dough was left to _____ overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.
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9. The _____ movement was a push to ban alcohol consumption in the United States in the early 1900s.
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12. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
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ANSWERS: 8. ferment, 9. temperance, 10. intoxication, 11. medicinal, 12. staple, 13. vaporize, 14. fermentation

15. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

16. The primary crop harvested during autumn is _____.

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17. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.

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18. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.

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19. The _____ chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

20. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.

adj. without purpose or intent

21. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

22. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 15. stumbled, 16. millet, 17. spoil, 18. microscopic, 19. preservative, 20. unwitting, 21. Arabic, 22. Jewish

23. For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to _____.
- v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
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ANSWERS: 23. intoxicate, 24. sapped, 25. Christmas, 26. chimpanzee, 27. cactus, 28. rev, 29. Microbes

30. Her beauty _____ me completely.

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ANSWERS: 30. enslaved, 31. latch, 32. hallucinogen