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Session 1: Word List

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

scab

n. a dry, rough crust that forms over a wound or sore during the healing process; a person who continues to work while others are on strike or participate in union-breaking activities

synonym: crust, scurf, sore

(1) **scab** on skin, (2) thick **scab**

The worker had a **scab** on his knee from falling on the pavement.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym: anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

gourd

n. large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

synonym : calabash, squash, pumpkin

(1) **gourd** soup, (2) decorative **gourd**

She carved a unique design into the **gourd** to create a decorative piece for her home.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym : flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

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.

cassava

n. a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

synonym : manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch

Cassava leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

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**.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym : ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym : expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

delirious

adj. experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented

synonym : confused, incoherent, irrational

(1) **delirious** with joy, (2) **delirious** fan

The patient became **delirious** due to the high fever and began hallucinating.

welt

n. a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or

someone forcefully

synonym : wale, bump, bulge

(1) leather **welt**, (2) **welt** from a spanking

The runner had a large **welt** on her leg after the fall.

delirium

n. a state of confusion or disorientation accompanied by emotional disturbances, often characterized by fever, hallucinations, and incoherent speech

synonym : confusion, frenzy, distraction

(1) **delirium** tremens, (2) fever **delirium**

After days of no sleep, he fell into **delirium** and started hallucinating.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym : sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

figurine

n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

synonym : statue, ornament, sculpture

(1) **figurine** collection, (2) anime **figurine**

My friend gifted me a miniature **figurine** of my favorite comic book character.

emaciated

adj. extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation

synonym : thin, gaunt, bony

(1) become **emaciated**, (2) **emaciated** form

The **emaciated** man was severely malnourished.

conduit

n. a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for

transmitting information, ideas, or concepts

synonym: channel, pipeline, tube

(1) water **conduit**, (2) electrical **conduit**

The **conduit** between the two buildings carried water and electricity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca____a starch *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
2. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
3. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
4. anime fi____ne *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal
5. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
6. get caught in the de____e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
7. leather w__t *n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
8. fever de____um *n.* a state of confusion or disorientation accompanied by emotional disturbances, often characterized by fever, hallucinations, and incoherent speech

ANSWERS: 1. cassava, 2. sneak, 3. swell, 4. figurine, 5. sneak, 6. deluge, 7. welt, 8. delirium

9. ca____a flour *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
10. 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
11. water co____t *n.* a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts
12. become em____ed *adj.* extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation
13. de____us with joy *adj.* experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented
14. ca____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
15. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
16. go__d soup *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

ANSWERS: 9. cassava, 10. rev, 11. conduit, 12. emaciated, 13. delirious, 14. carving, 15. stumble, 16. gourd

17. de____um tremens *n.* a state of confusion or disorientation accompanied by emotional disturbances, often characterized by fever, hallucinations, and incoherent speech
18. thick s__b *n.* a dry, rough crust that forms over a wound or sore during the healing process; a person who continues to work while others are on strike or participate in union-breaking activities
19. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
20. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
21. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
22. de_____us fan *adj.* experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented
23. w__t from a spanking *n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
24. autoimmune aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

ANSWERS: 17. delirium, 18. scab, 19. spit, 20. celestial, 21. stumble, 22. delirious, 23. welt, 24. affliction

25. decorative go__d *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
26. li_____e tree *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
27. ce_____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
28. fi_____ne collection *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal
29. maternal li_____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
30. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
31. mental aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
32. electrical co_____t *n.* a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts
33. s__b on skin *n.* a dry, rough crust that forms over a wound or sore during the healing process; a person who continues to work while others are on strike or participate in union-breaking activities

ANSWERS: 25. gourd, 26. lineage, 27. celestial, 28. figurine, 29. lineage, 30. spit, 31. affliction, 32. conduit, 33. scab

34. 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
35. a de___e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
36. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
37. a wood ca____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
38. em_____ed form *adj.* extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation

ANSWERS: 34. rev, 35. deluge, 36. swell, 37. carving, 38. emaciated

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My friend gifted me a miniature _____ of my favorite comic book character.
n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

2. Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data _____.
n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

3. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

4. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.
n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

5. After days of no sleep, he fell into _____ and started hallucinating.
n. a state of confusion or disorientation accompanied by emotional disturbances, often characterized by fever, hallucinations, and incoherent speech

6. _____ leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.
n. a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

7. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.
n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 1. figurine, 2. deluge, 3. spit, 4. affliction, 5. delirium, 6. Cassava, 7. carving

8. She _____ over the tree root.
- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
9. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
10. The worker had a _____ on his knee from falling on the pavement.
- n. a dry, rough crust that forms over a wound or sore during the healing process; a person who continues to work while others are on strike or participate in union-breaking activities
11. The runner had a large _____ on her leg after the fall.
- n. a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
12. The _____ between the two buildings carried water and electricity.
- n. a channel, pipe, or tube that is used to direct the flow of fluids or other material from one place to another; figuratively, a means of communication or channel for transmitting information, ideas, or concepts
13. Scientists traced the _____ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.
- n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species
14. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 8. stumbled, 9. sneak, 10. scab, 11. welt, 12. conduit, 13. lineage, 14. swelling

15. She carved a unique design into the _____ to create a decorative piece for her home.

n. large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

16. The patient became _____ due to the high fever and began hallucinating.

adj. experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented

17. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

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

18. The _____ man was severely malnourished.

adj. extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation

19. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

ANSWERS: 15. gourd, 16. delirious, 17. rev, 18. emaciated, 19. celestial