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Session 1: Word List

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

omniscient

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

synonym: all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

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

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

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax
His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym: split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

synonym: argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and

resumed their conversation.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

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.

rebuke

v. to express sharp disapproval or criticism of them because of their actions or behavior; (noun) a sharp or stern criticism or disapproval of someone's behavior or actions

synonym: reprimand, scolding, admonishment

(1) **rebuke** the pupil for cheating, (2) harsh **rebuke**

The coach sternly **rebuked** the athlete for breaking the team rules.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym : bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

shrivel

v. to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time

synonym : wilt, shrink, dry up

(1) **shrivel** up due to drought, (2) **shrivel** in the sun

The grapes **shriveled** in the heat, making them inedible.

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.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death
If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym : roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track
The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance
A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love
She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain
The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon
The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

devotee

n. a person who is very enthusiastic and committed to a particular activity, cause, or person; a fan or follower

synonym : fan, enthusiast, follower

(1) mindless **devotee**, (2) music **devotee**

He was a **devotee** of yoga and practiced every day.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

ladle

n. a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews

synonym : spoon, scoop, dipper

(1) wooden **ladle**, (2) **ladle** gravy

She used a **ladle** to pour soup into the bowls.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering;

the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

anew

adv. in a new or different way

synonym : again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym :

depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

beggar

n. a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

synonym: pauper, mendicant, panhandler

(1) homeless **beggar**, (2) give alms to a **beggar**

The **beggar's** rags barely covered his body as he shivered in the cold.

Session 2: Spelling

1. review a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
2. family qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
3. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
4. wooden la__e *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
5. be_____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
6. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
7. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
8. mindless de_____e *n.* a person who is very enthusiastic and committed to a particular activity, cause, or person; a fan or follower
9. sweet po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
10. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 1. anew, 2. quarrel, 3. encompass, 4. ladle, 5. belittle, 6. formidable, 7. well-being, 8. devotee, 9. porridge, 10. blossom

11. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
12. la__e gravy *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
13. scanty sus_____ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
14. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
15. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
16. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
17. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
18. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
19. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 11. starve, 12. ladle, 13. sustenance, 14. starve, 15. communion, 16. terrifying, 17. compassionate, 18. descend, 19. unbearable

20. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
21. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
22. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
23. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
24. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
25. sh_____l up due to drought *v.* to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time
26. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
27. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
28. sh_____l in the sun *v.* to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time

ANSWERS: 20. conceive, 21. portray, 22. encompass, 23. rift, 24. portray, 25. shrivel, 26. eerie, 27. unbearable, 28. shrivel

29. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
30. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
31. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
32. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
33. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
34. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
35. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
36. oat po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
37. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
38. give alms to a be____r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

ANSWERS: 29. slay, 30. primordial, 31. desolate, 32. scarcity, 33. rejoice, 34. descend, 35. envelop, 36. porridge, 37. formidable, 38. beggar

39. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
40. sus_____ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
41. ru___e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
42. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
43. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
44. re___e the pupil for cheating *v.* to express sharp disapproval or criticism of them because of their actions or behavior; (noun) a sharp or stern criticism or disapproval of someone's behavior or actions
45. ep_____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
46. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
47. arm a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
48. omn_____nt point of view *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

ANSWERS: 39. communion, 40. sustenance, 41. rumble, 42. deity, 43. rift, 44. rebuke, 45. epiphany, 46. terrifying, 47. anew, 48. omniscient

49. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
50. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
51. homeless be____r *n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness
52. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
53. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
54. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
55. s__y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
56. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
57. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
58. heated qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
59. omn_____nt being *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
60. be_____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

ANSWERS: 49. inhabitant, 50. deity, 51. beggar, 52. nurture, 53. eerie, 54. conceive, 55. slay, 56. nurture, 57. distract, 58. quarrel, 59. omniscient, 60. belittle

61. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
62. re_____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
63. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
64. music de_____e *n.* a person who is very enthusiastic and committed to a particular activity, cause, or person; a fan or follower
65. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
66. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
67. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
68. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
69. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
70. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 61. well-being, 62. rejoice, 63. yearn, 64. devotee, 65. yearn, 66. distract, 67. envelop, 68. scarcity, 69. blossom, 70. epiphany

71. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
72. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
73. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
74. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
75. ru___e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
76. harsh re___e *v.* to express sharp disapproval or criticism of them because of their actions or behavior; (noun) a sharp or stern criticism or disapproval of someone's behavior or actions

ANSWERS: 71. desolate, 72. compassionate, 73. inhabitant, 74. primordial, 75. rumble, 76. rebuke

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
2. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
3. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
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n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
5. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
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n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
7. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

ANSWERS: 1. inhabitant, 2. rift, 3. descended, 4. well-being, 5. encompass, 6. blossom, 7. desolate

8. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
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- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
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- n.* a person who asks for money or food from others, particularly as a means of survival due to poverty or homelessness

ANSWERS: 8. deity, 9. yearned, 10. porridge, 11. slayed, 12. omniscient, 13. rejoice, 14. rumbled, 15. beggar's

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adj. very frightening or intimidating

17. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

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adv. in a new or different way

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v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 16. terrifying, 17. starve, 18. conceive, 19. nurture, 20. primordial, 21. communion, 22. anew, 23. portray

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28. He was a _____ of yoga and practiced every day.
n. a person who is very enthusiastic and committed to a particular activity, cause, or person; a fan or follower
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30. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
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n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 24. enveloped, 25. rebuked, 26. unbearable, 27. ladle, 28. devotee, 29. quarrel, 30. compassionate, 31. scarcity

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ANSWERS: 32. shriveled, 33. formidable, 34. epiphany, 35. eerie, 36. sustenance, 37. distract, 38. belittled