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Session 1: Word List

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

synonym: filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand
The search engine helps **sift** information.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf
The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

riveting

adj. deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed

synonym : absorbing, captivating, engrossing

(1) **riveting** story, (2) **riveting** performance

The movie was so **riveting** that I couldn't take my eyes off the screen.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym : domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

prowl

v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

synonym : creep, sneak, lurch

(1) **prowl** the streets, (2) **prowl** for food

The predator began to **prowl** around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

priestess

n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition
The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

inseparable

adj. incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked

synonym: attached, connected, united

(1) **inseparable** friends, (2) **inseparable** duo
The two friends were **inseparable** and did everything together.

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.

cedar

n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

synonym: juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark
Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

ambush

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym: trap, surprise, lure

(1) attacking from **ambush**, (2) **ambush** marketing
Armed police officers lay in **ambush** in front of the criminal's

house.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym: genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

synonym : endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym : copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

bartender

n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

synonym : barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender**

The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new

and exciting cocktail.

reluctantly

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

synonym: unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave
He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

budge

v. to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something

synonym: move, shift, nudge

(1) **budge** an inch, (2) **budge** the shelf

No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't **budge** the heavy couch from its place in the room.

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.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

lapislazuli

n. a deep blue semi-precious stone that has been used for decorative purposes since ancient times, often prized for its intense color and vivid patterning

synonym : blue stone, azure stone, mountain blue

(1) **lapislazuli** ring, (2) **lapislazuli** carving

The vibrant blue color of **lapislazuli** made it a popular choice for royal and religious jewelry

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

Session 2: Spelling

1. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
2. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
3. ri_____ng story *adj.* deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed
4. professional ba_____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
5. am___h marketing *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
6. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
7. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
8. ancient pr_____ss tradition *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
9. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
10. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
11. ri_____ng performance *adj.* deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed

ANSWERS: 1. immortal, 2. immortality, 3. riveting, 4. bartender, 5. ambush, 6. vow, 7. mythical, 8. priestess, 9. dusty, 10. kneel, 11. riveting

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| 12. my_____al heroes | <i>adj.</i> based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination |
| 13. co_____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 14. achieve imm_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to live or last forever |
| 15. bu__e the shelf | <i>v.</i> to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something |
| 16. sh_____y doorway | <i>adj.</i> dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain |
| 17. s__y civilians | <i>v.</i> to kill violently, especially with a weapon |
| 18. du__y bookshelf | <i>adj.</i> covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air |
| 19. poisonous sc_____on | <i>n.</i> a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting |
| 20. un_____h a hound | <i>v.</i> to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled |
| 21. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 22. un_____r a potential problem | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |

ANSWERS: 12. mythical, 13. conquer, 14. immortality, 15. budge, 16. shadowy, 17. slay, 18. dusty, 19. scorpion, 20. unleash, 21. bury, 22. uncover

23. ce__r wood *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
24. pr__l the streets *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
25. bu__e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
26. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
27. im____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
28. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
29. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
30. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
31. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
32. moonlight as a ba____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
33. lap____li carving *n.* a deep blue semi-precious stone that has been used for decorative purposes since ancient times, often prized for its intense color and vivid patterning

ANSWERS: 23. cedar, 24. prowl, 25. budge, 26. shadowy, 27. immortal, 28. terrify, 29. slay, 30. invade, 31. vow, 32. bartender, 33. lapislazuli

34. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
35. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
36. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
37. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
38. rel_____ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
39. ins_____le friends *adj.* incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked
40. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
41. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
42. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
43. rel_____ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

ANSWERS: 34. conquer, 35. archaeology, 36. uncover, 37. tame, 38. reluctantly, 39. inseparable, 40. tame, 41. grove, 42. grove, 43. reluctantly

44. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
45. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
46. pr__l for food *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
47. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
48. s__t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
49. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
50. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
51. pr_____ss of the Moon *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
52. ce__r bark *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
53. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
54. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 44. invade, 45. archaeology, 46. prowl, 47. bury, 48. sift, 49. afterward, 50. terrify, 51. priestess, 52. cedar, 53. crumble, 54. crumble

55. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
56. lap_____li ring *n.* a deep blue semi-precious stone that has been used for decorative purposes since ancient times, often prized for its intense color and vivid patterning
57. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
58. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
59. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
60. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
61. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
62. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
63. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
64. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
65. attacking from am___h *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
66. s__t sand *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

ANSWERS: 55. unleash, 56. lapislazuli, 57. afterward, 58. kneel, 59. underworld, 60. seduce, 61. grieve, 62. seduce, 63. grieve, 64. scorpion, 65. ambush, 66. sift

67. god of the und_____ld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

68. ins_____le duo

adj. incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked

ANSWERS: 67. underworld, 68. inseparable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
n. a small group of trees growing closely together

2. The movie was so _____ that I couldn't take my eyes off the screen.
adj. deeply engaging or captivating; capable of keeping one's attention focused or fixed

3. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
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6. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

7. The two friends were _____ and did everything together.
adj. incapable of being separated or disjoined; closely welded or joined together; mutually dependent or closely linked

8. The chief _____ mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.
n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

ANSWERS: 1. grove, 2. riveting, 3. crumble, 4. terrify, 5. archaeology, 6. immortal, 7. inseparable, 8. bartender

9. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
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ANSWERS: 18. scorpion's, 19. underworld, 20. bury, 21. priestess, 22. afterward, 23. mythical, 24. cedar, 25. tame

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- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

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ANSWERS: 26. invade, 27. conquer, 28. shadowy, 29. slayed, 30. vowed, 31. prowl, 32. ambush, 33. lapislazuli

34. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 34. dusty