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Session 1: Word List

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym : hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

sacrificial

adj. relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity

synonym : offering, atoning

(1) **sacrificial** nature, (2) **sacrificial** victim

The lamb was a **sacrificial** offering to the gods.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

tremor

n. a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating

synonym : shaking, quivering, trembling

(1) a **tremor** of delight, (2) **tremor** frequency

The bad **tremor** caused several buildings to collapse.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

spew

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

pumice

n. a light, porous, volcanic rock that is formed when lava cools rapidly in water or air, often used as an abrasive or polishing material in various industrial and household products

synonym: volcanic rock, porous rock, lava rock

(1) **pumice** eruption, (2) **pumice** rock

The porous texture of **pumice** makes it a great exfoliant for the skin.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym: moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

brim

n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

synonym: beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

tephra

n. fragmented material ejected during a volcanic eruption, such as ash, pumice, or volcanic bombs; can cause environmental and health hazards if inhaled or ingested

synonym: volcanic ash, ash, ejecta

(1) **tephra** deposition, (2) volcanic **tephra**

The volcanic eruption caused a large amount of **tephra** to fall over the town.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym: harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

billow

v. to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

synonym: wave, swell, surge

(1) **billow** cloud, (2) **billow** like a sail

The smoke **billowed** out of the chimney and into the sky.

pyroclastic

adj. relating to a mixture of ash, lava fragments, and hot gases and steam that are violently ejected from volcanoes during an eruption

synonym: explosive, volcanic, igneous

(1) **pyroclastic** debris, (2) **pyroclastic** material

The **pyroclastic** flow from the volcano destroyed everything in its path.

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

synonym: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

ablaze

adj. on fire; burning brightly

synonym: burning, alight, on fire

(1) sky **ablaze** with stars, (2) **ablaze** with passion

The building was **ablaze** with fire.

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.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym: flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym: explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

disorganize

v. to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something

synonym: disrupt, demobilize, derange

(1) **disorganized** the party, (2) **disorganize** the whole country

His betrayal **disorganized** the company completely.

- loot**
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
- synonym* : plunder, pillage, rob
- (1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**
- The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- 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.
- excavation**
- n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
- synonym* : digging, mining, unearthing
- (1) fossil **excavation**, (2) **excavation** work
- The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.
- 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.
- skeletal**
- adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
- synonym* : bony, emaciated, gaunt
- (1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles
- The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.
- reconstruct**
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
- synonym* : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

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**.

poignant *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

unparalleled *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

synonym: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement

Several American technology companies have achieved **unparalleled** success in terms of customer numbers.

devastate *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
2. pyr_____ic material *adj.* relating to a mixture of ash, lava fragments, and hot gases and steam that are violently ejected from volcanoes during an eruption
3. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
4. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
5. the b__m of a hat *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
6. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
7. en___f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
8. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
9. sac_____al victim *adj.* relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity

ANSWERS: 1. devastate, 2. pyroclastic, 3. archaeology, 4. engulf, 5. brim, 6. wade, 7. engulf, 8. diminish, 9. sacrificial

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| 10. ab___e with passion | <i>adj.</i> on fire; burning brightly |
| 11. dis_____ze the whole country | <i>v.</i> to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something |
| 12. hustle-bu___e lifestyle | <i>v.</i> to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion |
| 13. cr_____an skill | <i>n.</i> a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials |
| 14. bu___e around a kitchen | <i>v.</i> to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion |
| 15. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 16. de_____te economy | <i>v.</i> to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number |
| 17. war l__t | <i>v.</i> steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder |
| 18. de_____te an area | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 19. s__w insults | <i>v.</i> to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts |
| 20. a subtle cr_____an | <i>n.</i> a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials |

ANSWERS: 10. ablaze, 11. disorganize, 12. bustle, 13. craftsman, 14. bustle, 15. sibling, 16. decimate, 17. loot, 18. devastate, 19. spew, 20. craftsman

21. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
22. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
23. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
24. emotional er____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
25. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
26. the pelvic b__m *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
27. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
28. a tr___r of delight *n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
29. dis_____zed the party *v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
30. an unparallel_____ed achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
31. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
32. po_____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

ANSWERS: 21. huddle, 22. groan, 23. swarm, 24. eruption, 25. bury, 26. brim, 27. bury, 28. tremor, 29. disorganize, 30. unparallelled, 31. flicker, 32. poignant

33. 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
34. te___a deposition *n.* fragmented material ejected during a volcanic eruption, such as ash, pumice, or volcanic bombs; can cause environmental and health hazards if inhaled or ingested
35. sac_____al nature *adj.* relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity
36. fossil exc_____on *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
37. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
38. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
39. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 33. rev, 34. tephra, 35. sacrificial, 36. excavation, 37. volcano, 38. archaeology, 39. volcano

40. er_____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
41. 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
42. sk_____al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
43. sk_____al muscles *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
44. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
45. tr____r frequency *n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
46. pyr_____ic debris *adj.* relating to a mixture of ash, lava fragments, and hot gases and steam that are violently ejected from volcanoes during an eruption
47. bi____w cloud *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
48. volcanic te____a *n.* fragmented material ejected during a volcanic eruption, such as ash, pumice, or volcanic bombs; can cause environmental and health hazards if inhaled or ingested

ANSWERS: 40. eruption, 41. rev, 42. skeletal, 43. skeletal, 44. decimate, 45. tremor, 46. pyroclastic, 47. billow, 48. tephra

49. bi___w like a sail *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
50. w___e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
51. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
52. unp____led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
53. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
54. no____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
55. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
56. bu___e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
57. pu___e rock *n.* a light, porous, volcanic rock that is formed when lava cools rapidly in water or air, often used as an abrasive or polishing material in various industrial and household products

ANSWERS: 49. billow, 50. wade, 51. sibling, 52. unparalleled, 53. diminish, 54. noxious, 55. huddle, 56. budge, 57. pumice

58. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
59. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
60. no_____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
61. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
62. fl_____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
63. exc_____on work *n.* the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
64. bu__e the shelf *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
65. sky ab___e with stars *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
66. gr__n in pain *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
67. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
68. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 58. poignant, 59. reconstruct, 60. noxious, 61. spew, 62. flicker, 63. excavation, 64. budge, 65. ablaze, 66. groan, 67. reconstruct, 68. loot

69. locust sw__m

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

70. pu___e eruption

n. a light, porous, volcanic rock that is formed when lava cools rapidly in water or air, often used as an abrasive or polishing material in various industrial and household products

ANSWERS: 69. swarm, 70. pumice

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
2. The lamb was a _____ offering to the gods.
adj. relating to or involving the killing of animals or people as an offering to a deity
3. His betrayal _____ the company completely.
v. to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
4. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
5. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
6. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
7. Several American technology companies have achieved _____ success in terms of customer numbers.
adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

ANSWERS: 1. craftsman, 2. sacrificial, 3. disorganized, 4. swarm, 5. poignant, 6. skeletal, 7. unparalleled

8. The porous texture of _____ makes it a great exfoliant for the skin.
- n.* a light, porous, volcanic rock that is formed when lava cools rapidly in water or air, often used as an abrasive or polishing material in various industrial and household products
9. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
10. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
- n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
11. The glass was filled to the _____ with beer.
- n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
12. The volcano started to _____ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.
- v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
13. The smoke _____ out of the chimney and into the sky.
- v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
14. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
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15. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 8. pumice, 9. archaeology, 10. eruption, 11. brim, 12. spew, 13. billowed, 14. wade, 15. looted

16. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't _____ the heavy couch from its place in the room.
- v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
17. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.
- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
18. The bad _____ caused several buildings to collapse.
- n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
19. The _____ flow from the volcano destroyed everything in its path.
- adj.* relating to a mixture of ash, lava fragments, and hot gases and steam that are violently ejected from volcanoes during an eruption
20. The city _____ with activity as people rushed to work.
- v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
21. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
- v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
22. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
23. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 16. budge, 17. noxious, 18. tremor, 19. pyroclastic, 20. bustled, 21. flickered, 22. decimated, 23. devastate

24. The building was _____ with fire.

adj. on fire; burning brightly

25. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

26. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

27. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

28. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

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

29. The archaeological _____ of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

30. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

31. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

ANSWERS: 24. ablaze, 25. siblings, 26. diminish, 27. volcano, 28. bury, 29. excavation, 30. reconstruct, 31. huddled

32. The volcanic eruption caused a large amount of _____ to fall over the town.
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34. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.
- v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
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- v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

ANSWERS: 32. tephra, 33. rev, 34. groan, 35. engulfed