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Session 1: Word List

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

subterranean

adj. under the ground

synonym : underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

lair

n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal

synonym : den, hideout, shelter

(1) **lair** of a dragon, (2) **lair** of a criminal

The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.

trickster

n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

synonym : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who

scammed people out of their money.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym : unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim
The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym : differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results
The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

angelic

adj. resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

synonym : heavenly, celestial, divine

(1) **angelic** face, (2) **angelic** choir

The singer's **angelic** voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

scant

adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

synonym : minimal, scanty, sparse

(1) **scant** resources, (2) **scant** century

There was a **scant** amount of food left in the fridge.

antagonist

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

synonym : opponent, rival, adversary

(1) arch-nemesis **antagonist**, (2) literary **antagonist**

The **antagonist** in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

overgrown

adj. covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

synonym : leafy, lush, verdant

(1) an **overgrown** garden, (2) **overgrown** child

The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become **overgrown**.

toenail

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

synonym : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

lizard

n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (*noun*) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

synonym : sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym : embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

inferno

n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs

synonym : hell, fiery pit, furnace

(1) a raging **inferno**, (2) devastating **inferno**

The building was consumed by an **inferno**, reducing it to ashes.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym : encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it

during shipping.

behemoth

n. something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature

synonym: giant, monster, colossus

(1) **behemoth** company, (2) technology **behemoth**

The construction site was filled with **behemoth** machines.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

clamber

v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

synonym: climb, scramble, crawl

(1) **clamber** up the ladder, (2) **clamber** over a boulder

I had to **clamber** over the rocks to reach the cave.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**
Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

cleave

v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

synonym: split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

synonym: foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym : gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

Session 2: Spelling

1. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
2. sc__t resources *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
3. devastating in____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
4. cha____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
5. en___e his feet *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
6. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
7. uns____ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
8. sub____ean rooms *adj.* under the ground
9. sc__t century *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
10. wildly di____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
11. an ep____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 1. cynical, 2. scant, 3. inferno, 4. charismatic, 5. encase, 6. seize, 7. unsuspecting, 8. subterranean, 9. scant, 10. divergent, 11. epitome

12. an____c face *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance
13. literary ant____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group
14. economic to____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
15. artistic ren____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
16. giant li____d *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
17. te____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
18. cl____r up the ladder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
19. arch-nemesis ant____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

ANSWERS: 12. angelic, 13. antagonist, 14. torment, 15. Renaissance, 16. lizard, 17. testament, 18. clamber, 19. antagonist

20. li___d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
21. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
22. clean h__f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
23. l__r of a criminal *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
24. ov_____wn child *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
25. gl__t coldly *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
26. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
27. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
28. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
29. to_____l fungus *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

ANSWERS: 20. lizard, 21. iceberg, 22. hoof, 23. lair, 24. overgrown, 25. glint, 26. trickster, 27. depict, 28. Renaissance, 29. toenail

30. cunning tr_____er *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
31. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
32. cl___e the party *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
33. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
34. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
35. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
36. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
37. sub_____ean motives for murder *adj.* under the ground
38. a raging in_____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
39. en___e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
40. an_____c choir *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

ANSWERS: 30. trickster, 31. torment, 32. cleave, 33. dissatisfy, 34. rebellion, 35. tempting, 36. defy, 37. subterranean, 38. inferno, 39. encase, 40. angelic

41. l__r of a dragon *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
42. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
43. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
44. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
45. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
46. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
47. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
48. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 41. lair, 42. divergent, 43. stalk, 44. powerless, 45. cynical, 46. stalk, 47. tempting, 48. epitome

49. public di____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
50. uns_____ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
51. hit an ic____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
52. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
53. an ov_____wn garden *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
54. a gas cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
55. be____th company *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
56. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
57. ingrown to____l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
58. a gl__t in his eye *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
59. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

ANSWERS: 49. disgust, 50. unsuspecting, 51. iceberg, 52. protagonist, 53. overgrown, 54. crunch, 55. behemoth, 56. testament, 57. toenail, 58. glint, 59. hoof

71. technology be____th *n.* something extremely large and powerful; a huge or monstrous creature, often mythical in nature
72. gr____y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
73. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
74. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
75. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
76. de____t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 71. behemoth, 72. grisly, 73. germ, 74. rebellion, 75. germ, 76. depict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
2. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my _____.
n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
3. The _____ in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.
n. a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group
4. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.
n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
5. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
6. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.
n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
7. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

ANSWERS: 1. disgust, 2. toenail, 3. antagonist, 4. epitome, 5. powerless, 6. torment, 7. unsuspecting

8. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

9. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

10. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

11. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

12. The building was consumed by an _____ reducing it to ashes.

n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs

13. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

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14. Such _____ passages span kilometers in London.

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15. The tiger's _____ was filled with treasure.

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ANSWERS: 8. tempting, 9. charismatic, 10. protagonist's, 11. depicted, 12. inferno, 13. crunch, 14. subterranean, 15. lair, 16. germ

17. There was a _____ amount of food left in the fridge.

adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

18. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot

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19. The _____ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

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adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

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adj. covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

23. The sun _____ off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

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ANSWERS: 17. scant, 18. stalked, 19. grisly, 20. angelic, 21. cynical, 22. overgrown, 23. glinted

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25. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
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26. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
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v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

ANSWERS: 24. divergent, 25. icebergs, 26. renaissance, 27. defy, 28. behemoth, 29. lizard's, 30. trickster, 31. cleave

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37. I had to _____ over the rocks to reach the cave.
v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
38. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 32. encased, 33. seize, 34. hoof, 35. testament, 36. dissatisfy, 37. clamber, 38. rebellion