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Session 1: Word List

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

unforgiving

adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

synonym: relentless, uncompromising, merciless

(1) **unforgiving** blow, (2) **unforgiving** terrain

The **unforgiving** sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

sneak

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

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger
The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

luncheon

n. a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion

synonym : lunch, midday meal, déjeuner

(1) **luncheon** meeting, (2) **luncheon** appointment
I'm attending a business **luncheon** tomorrow to meet with potential clients.

impasto

n. a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth

synonym : thick paint, paste, mixture

(1) **impasto** painting, (2) bold **impasto** strokes
The painter used a thick **impasto** technique to create a textured canvas.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest
It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

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.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

benevolence

n. the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

synonym : altruism, generosity, philanthropy

(1) display **benevolence**, (2) render **benevolence** to people
They have both virtue and **benevolence**.

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**.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

tumult

n. a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

synonym : commotion, disturbance, upheaval

(1) **tumult** of voices, (2) in the midst of the **tumult**

The political turmoil caused great **tumult** in the country.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym : memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym : covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist
The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art
The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program
The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure

proper hatching conditions.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym: divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. te_____nt to the superior quality | <i>n.</i> a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else |
| 2. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 3. inc_____te the murderer | <i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 4. dis_____ent plan | <i>n.</i> the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector |
| 5. und_____er journalist | <i>adj.</i> carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito |
| 6. a piece of ch__k | <i>n.</i> a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards |
| 7. infant in_____or | <i>n.</i> an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses |
| 8. dis_____ent strategy | <i>n.</i> the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector |

ANSWERS: 1. testament, 2. rev, 3. incarcerate, 4. disinvestment, 5. undercover, 6. chalk, 7. incubator, 8. disinvestment

9. unf_____ng terrain *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
10. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
11. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
12. unf_____ng blow *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
13. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
14. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
15. lu_____on appointment *n.* a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion
16. 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
17. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
18. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
19. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

ANSWERS: 9. unforgiving, 10. futile, 11. reconnect, 12. unforgiving, 13. sneak, 14. Christ, 15. luncheon, 16. rev, 17. disturb, 18. incarceration, 19. benevolent

20. tu___t of voices *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
21. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
22. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
23. im_____o painting *n.* a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth
24. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
25. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
26. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
27. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
28. as_____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
29. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
30. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

ANSWERS: 20. tumult, 21. testament, 22. accuse, 23. impasto, 24. intertwine, 25. incarceration, 26. disturb, 27. undercover, 28. asphalt, 29. remembrance, 30. unseen

31. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
32. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
33. lu_____on meeting *n.* a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion
34. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
35. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
36. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
37. display ben_____ce *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
38. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
39. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
40. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. in the midst of the tu___t *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

ANSWERS: 31. accuse, 32. Christ, 33. luncheon, 34. incubator, 35. surreal, 36. benevolent, 37. benevolence, 38. futile, 39. intertwine, 40. opportune, 41. tumult

42. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
43. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
44. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
46. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
47. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
48. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
49. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
50. render ben_____ce to people *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

ANSWERS: 42. compel, 43. compel, 44. opportune, 45. incarcerate, 46. sneak, 47. reconnect, 48. asphalt, 49. chalk, 50. benevolence

51. rem_____ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
52. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
53. an un____n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
54. bold im_____o strokes *n.* a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth

ANSWERS: 51. remembrance, 52. surreal, 53. unseen, 54. impasto

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
2. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
3. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
4. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
5. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
6. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
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ANSWERS: 1. testament, 2. disturb, 3. asphalt, 4. benevolent, 5. surreal, 6. rev, 7. incubator

8. I'm attending a business _____ tomorrow to meet with potential clients.
n. a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion
9. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
10. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
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11. The painter used a thick _____ technique to create a textured canvas.
n. a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth
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n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
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14. They have both virtue and _____.
n. the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
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ANSWERS: 8. luncheon, 9. intertwine, 10. sneak, 11. impasto, 12. Christmas, 13. undercover, 14. benevolence, 15. compel

16. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.
- n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
17. The political turmoil caused great _____ in the country.
- n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
18. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
- adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
19. The annual _____ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
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22. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 16. disinvestment, 17. tumult, 18. futile, 19. remembrance, 20. unseen, 21. chalk, 22. reconnected, 23. opportune

24. The _____ sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

25. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

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n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

27. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 24. unforgiving, 25. incarcerated, 26. incarceration, 27. accused