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## Session 1: Word List

### extravagant

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

*synonym* : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

### centerpiece

*n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

*synonym* : highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal

His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

### 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.

### monarch

*n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

*synonym* : ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies  
She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

## 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.

## slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

*synonym*: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall  
She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

## coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

*synonym*: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

## lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym*: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

*synonym*: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their

relationship.

## ashore

*adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water  
*synonym* : on the beach, on the shore

(1) bring **ashore**, (2) go **ashore** after sunset

The ship finally came **ashore** after a long voyage.

## 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.

## aura

*n.* a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object

*synonym* : ambience, atmosphere, vibe

(1) positive **aura**, (2) **aura** of divinity

He had a mysterious **aura** that made people curious and intimidated.

## unbeknownst

*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

*synonym* : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

**Unbeknownst** to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## enlist

*v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

*synonym*: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

## falcon

*n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

*synonym*: hawk, eagle, kestrel

(1) **falcon** feathers, (2) peregrine **falcon**

The **falcon's** keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

## disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## entrust

*v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

*synonym*: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him

I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

## 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.

## horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## 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**.

## weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym*: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym*: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

*synonym*: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

## scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## papyrus

*n.* a tall plant with thick stems that grow in or near water, especially in North Africa, or a document or piece of paper made of this plant, especially by ancient Egyptians

(1) **papyrus** fragment, (2) a document written on **papyrus**  
Papers from a **papyrus** found in the Middle East prove that ancient Egypt traded with neighboring countries.

## dismember

*v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way

*synonym*: disjoint, mutilate, sever

(1) **dismember** a corpse, (2) **dismember** a team

The killer used a saw to **dismember** the victim's body into pieces.

## 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.

## 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.

## avenge

*v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

*synonym*: retaliate, revenge, requite

(1) **avenge** a friend, (2) **avenge** an injustice

He sought to **avenge** his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. w\_\_p for joy v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
2. en\_\_t for a soldier v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
3. en\_\_t in a cause v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
4. im\_\_\_\_al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
5. cl\_\_\_\_r up the ladder v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
6. w\_\_p bitter tears v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
7. unb\_\_\_\_st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
8. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
9. rec\_\_\_\_ct the original text v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
10. 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
11. di\_\_\_\_er a team v. to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way

ANSWERS: 1. weep, 2. enlist, 3. enlist, 4. immortal, 5. clamber, 6. weep, 7. unbeknownst, 8. scatter, 9. reconstruct, 10. cedar, 11. dismember

12. pa\_\_\_\_s fragment *n.* a tall plant with thick stems that grow in or near water, especially in North Africa, or a document or piece of paper made of this plant, especially by ancient Egyptians
13. go as\_\_\_e after sunset *adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
14. im\_\_\_\_al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
15. unb\_\_\_\_st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
16. a document written on pa\_\_\_\_s *n.* a tall plant with thick stems that grow in or near water, especially in North Africa, or a document or piece of paper made of this plant, especially by ancient Egyptians
17. en\_\_\_\_t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
18. co\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
19. cen\_\_\_\_ce proposal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
20. muddy sw\_\_p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 12. papyrus, 13. ashore, 14. immortal, 15. unbeknownst, 16. papyrus, 17. entrust, 18. conceive, 19. centerpiece, 20. swamp



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| 21. re_____ct an argument                    | <i>v.</i>   | to bring back to life or bring into existence again  |
| 22. co_____ve of an idea                     | <i>v.</i>   | to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant   |
| 23. av_____e an injustice                    | <i>v.</i>   | to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication                     |
| 24. je_____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i>   | a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire  |
| 25. peregrine fa_____n                       | <i>n.</i>   | a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight |
| 26. s____m the book against a wall           | <i>v.</i>   | to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily   |
| 27. en_____t with responsibility             | <i>v.</i>   | to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment                     |
| 28. an absolute mo_____h                     | <i>n.</i>   | a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen  |
| 29. mo_____h butterflies                     | <i>n.</i>   | a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen  |
| 30. ext_____nt lifestyle                     | <i>adj.</i> | exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish  |
| 31. positive a__a                            | <i>n.</i>   | a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object |

ANSWERS: 21. resurrect, 22. conceive, 23. avenge, 24. jealousy, 25. falcon, 26. slam, 27. entrust, 28. monarch, 29. monarch, 30. extravagant, 31. aura

32. di\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
33. co\_\_\_\_n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
34. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. wooden co\_\_\_\_n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
36. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
37. ho\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
38. fa\_\_\_\_n feathers *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
39. bring as\_\_\_\_e *adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water
40. 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
41. the cen\_\_\_\_\_ce of the meal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

ANSWERS: 32. disguise, 33. coffin, 34. determinant, 35. coffin, 36. determinant, 37. horrify, 38. falcon, 39. ashore, 40. rev, 41. centerpiece

42. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
43. av\_\_\_e a friend *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
44. ho\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
45. burn with je\_\_\_\_sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
46. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
47. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
48. di\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
49. de\_\_y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
50. existence of a de\_\_y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
51. re\_\_\_\_\_ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
52. 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

ANSWERS: 42. swamp, 43. avenge, 44. horrify, 45. jealousy, 46. reconstruct, 47. extravagant, 48. disguise, 49. deity, 50. deity, 51. resurrect, 52. rev

53. 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
54. a\_\_a of divinity *n.* a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object
55. l\_\_e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
56. di\_\_\_\_\_er a corpse *v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
57. l\_\_e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
58. cl\_\_\_\_\_r over a boulder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
59. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
60. s\_\_m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 53. cedar, 54. aura, 55. lure, 56. dismember, 57. lure, 58. clamber, 59. scatter, 60. slam

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.  
*n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
  
2. 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
  
3. His writing activities are the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.  
*n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
  
4. The killer used a saw to \_\_\_\_\_ the victim's body into pieces.  
*v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.  
*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
  
6. Tall \_\_\_\_\_ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.  
*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
  
7. The ship finally came \_\_\_\_\_ after a long voyage.  
*adv.* on or towards the land, as opposed to the sea or water

ANSWERS: 1. falcon's, 2. immortal, 3. centerpiece, 4. dismember, 5. Unbeknownst, 6. cedar, 7. ashore

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12. His \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
13. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly
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- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 8. monarch, 9. determinant, 10. clamber, 11. lure, 12. jealousy, 13. horrify, 14. entrusted, 15. deity

16. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.
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- adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
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- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
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- v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
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- n.* a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object

ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. swamp, 18. coffin, 19. disguised, 20. extravagant, 21. conceive, 22. weep, 23. aura

24. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the military after graduating from high school.
- v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
25. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.
- v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
26. They tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the ancient tradition.
- v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
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28. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.
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- v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 24. enlist, 25. scattered, 26. resurrect, 27. avenge, 28. reconstruct, 29. papyrus, 30. slammed