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Session 1: Word List

dappled

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow

synonym : spotted, mottled, speckled

(1) **dappled** light, (2) olive- **dappled** landscape

The **dappled** sunlight filtered through the leaves of the trees.

birthmark

n. a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

synonym : nevus

(1) congenital **birthmark**, (2) permanent **birthmark**

The **birthmark** on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym: throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

sly

adj. having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

synonym: crafty, sneaky, devious

(1) **sly** tactics, (2) **sly** fox

He had a **sly** smile on his face as he told his joke.

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.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

bandit

n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

synonym: robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the

night.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

whirlwind

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

synonym: tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot
They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

diabolical

adj. characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

synonym: wicked, evil, sinister

(1) **diabolical** revenge, (2) **diabolical** media mogul

The **diabolical** plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a

full-time job.

gnarled

adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

synonym : knotty, twisted, contorted

(1) **gnarled** fingers, (2) **gnarled** branches

The **gnarled** tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

rasp

n. a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties

synonym : grater, file, scraper

(1) **rasp** of laughter, (2) the **rasp** of the wind

The **rasp** of the saw filled the workshop.

interminable

adj. endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption

synonym : never-ending, ceaseless, unending

(1) **interminable** wait, (2) an **interminable** meeting

The **interminable** traffic jam made me late for my appointment.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

swampy

adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

synonym : marshy, boggy, mucky

(1) **swampy** grounds, (2) **swampy** terrain

The hiking trail was closed due to the **swampy** conditions caused by heavy rain.

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.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym : grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym : glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

oar

n. a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

synonym : paddle, row, scull

(1) sculling **oar**, (2) wooden **oar**

The rowing team coordinated their **oars** to move through the water smoothly.

gnaw

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

synonym : chew, bite, annoy

(1) **gnaw** a hole in a wall, (2) **gnaw** at the national sentiment

She couldn't stop **gnawing** on her nails.

toad

n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

synonym : frog, amphibian, batrachian

(1) **toad** in the garden, (2) **toad** caught in the trap

The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a **toad** under a big leaf.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

hasten

v. to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

synonym : accelerate, hurry, rush

(1) **hasten** the process, (2) **hasten** the arrival

I need to **hasten** my speed to finish the race on time.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym : riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. g__w at the national sentiment | v. | to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually |
| 2. vi_____er community | n. | a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community |
| 3. gl__m in eyes | v. | to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent |
| 4. dia_____al media mogul | adj. | characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character |
| 5. be de_____ed to become a great artist | v. | to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |
| 6. int_____ble wait | adj. | endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption |
| 7. rel_____ly approve the idea | adv. | in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation |
| 8. fishing h_t | n. | a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud |

ANSWERS: 1. gnaw, 2. villager, 3. gleam, 4. diabolical, 5. destine, 6. interminable, 7. reluctantly, 8. hut

9. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
10. gn____d fingers *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
11. la___h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
12. un____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
13. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
14. s_y fox *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
15. notorious ba____t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
16. gra____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
17. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
18. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
19. con____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 9. deft, 10. gnarled, 11. lavish, 12. uncanny, 13. villager, 14. sly, 15. bandit, 16. grandchild, 17. roam, 18. stumble, 19. contemplate

20. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
21. economic wh_____nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
22. r__p of laughter *n.* a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties
23. g__w a hole in a wall *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
24. sw___y terrain *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
25. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
26. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
27. 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
28. congenital bi_____rk *n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

ANSWERS: 20. eerie, 21. whirlwind, 22. rasp, 23. gnaw, 24. swampy, 25. devise, 26. rumor, 27. entrust, 28. birthmark

29. in an un_____y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
30. hu___e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
31. permanent bi_____rk *n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels
32. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
33. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
34. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
35. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
36. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
37. t__d caught in the trap *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
38. walk along the ri_____nk *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
39. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 29. uncanny, 30. hurtle, 31. birthmark, 32. devise, 33. deft, 34. scribble, 35. greedy, 36. eerie, 37. toad, 38. riverbank, 39. roam

40. ha___n the process *v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
41. the r___p of the wind *n.* a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties
42. wh_____nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
43. canoe pa___e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
44. wilderness ba___t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
45. sculling o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
46. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
47. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
48. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
49. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

ANSWERS: 40. hasten, 41. rasp, 42. whirlwind, 43. paddle, 44. bandit, 45. oar, 46. impatience, 47. contemplate, 48. furious, 49. greedy

50. hu___e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
51. olive-da_____d landscape *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow
52. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
53. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
54. en_____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
55. wooden o_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
56. pa___e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
57. an int_____ble meeting *adj.* endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption
58. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
59. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 50. hurtle, 51. dappled, 52. scribble, 53. grandchild, 54. entrust, 55. oar, 56. paddle, 57. interminable, 58. hut, 59. impatience

60. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
61. ri_____nk erosion *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
62. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
63. gn_____d branches *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
64. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
65. enjoy a la___h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
66. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
67. sw___y grounds *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
68. da_____d light *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow
69. dia_____al revenge *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

ANSWERS: 60. stumble, 61. riverbank, 62. rot, 63. gnarled, 64. pluck, 65. lavish, 66. rumor, 67. swampy, 68. dappled, 69. diabolical

70. rel_____ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
71. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
72. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
73. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
74. t__d in the garden *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
75. s_y tactics *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
76. ha____n the arrival *v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
77. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
78. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

ANSWERS: 70. reluctantly, 71. destine, 72. furious, 73. rot, 74. toad, 75. sly, 76. hasten, 77. pluck, 78. gleam

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ my speed to finish the race on time.
 - v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

2. The doctor advised him to manage his _____ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
 - n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

3. The _____ plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.
 - adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

4. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
 - v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

5. The _____ on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.
 - n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

6. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
 - v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

ANSWERS: 1. hasten, 2. impatience, 3. diabolical, 4. destined, 5. birthmark, 6. gleamed

7. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
8. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
9. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
10. We enjoyed a picnic on the _____ and watched the boats go by.
- n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
11. The rowing team coordinated their _____ to move through the water smoothly.
- n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
12. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
13. The little girl lived in a small _____ in the woods with her family.
- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
14. The _____ of the saw filled the workshop.
- n.* a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties

ANSWERS: 7. plucked, 8. contemplated, 9. greedy, 10. riverbank, 11. oars, 12. stumbled, 13. hut, 14. rasp

15. The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a _____ under a big leaf.
- n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
16. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.
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ANSWERS: 15. toad, 16. lavish, 17. gnarled, 18. uncanny, 19. paddle, 20. deft, 21. interminable, 22. devise

23. The words were _____ in pencil.

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

24. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

25. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

26. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

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

27. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

28. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

29. A group of armed _____ attacked the villagers during the night.

n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

30. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

31. We went on a _____ visit to the sightseeing spot.

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

ANSWERS: 23. scribbled, 24. roam, 25. rumor, 26. entrusted, 27. furious, 28. grandchild, 29. bandits, 30. hurtled, 31. whirlwind

32. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.

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33. The _____ sunlight filtered through the leaves of the trees.

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v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

36. She couldn't stop _____ on her nails.

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

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