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Session 1: Word List

misty

adj. characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought

synonym: hazy, foggy, blurred

(1) misty intention, (2) misty forest

The misty morning made it hard to see the road ahead.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym: pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym: terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) fearsome creature, (2) fearsome reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

seafarer

 a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea

synonym: sailor, mariner, navigator

(1) qualified **seafarer**, (2) fellow **seafarer**

The experienced **seafarer** told stories of his adventures on the high seas.

boggy

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

synonym: swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) boggy land, (2) boggy area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

inscribe

to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

- (1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
- a letter or character in an old Germanic alphabet, often inscribed on stone, wood, or metal, and used for divination, writing, or decorative purposes, and often associated with ancient Nordic and Scandinavian

synonym: glyph, symbol, character

cultures

(1) rune inscription, (2) Viking rune stones

The ancient **runes** held secret messages from a bygone era.

decipher

to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym: interpret, decode, translate

(1) decipher code, (2) decipher message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

futhark

an ancient Germanic runic alphabet used in Scandinavia, Germany, and Anglo-Saxon England

rune

synonym: runic script

(1) almanac of the **futhark**, (2) ancient **futhark** script She specializes in interpreting the **futhark** inscriptions found on ancient artifacts as an archaeologist.

dialect

 a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

inscription

- a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
- (1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

conquer

- v. to bring under control by force or authority synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue
- (1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

enigmatic

adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling synonym: mysterious, puzzling, cryptic

(1) **enigmatic** smile, (2) **enigmatic** behavior

The **enigmatic** ancient civilization's disappearance remains unsolved.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

incantation

n. a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

synonym: spell, charm, enchantment

(1) incantation spell, (2) magic incantation

The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

outcrop

a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground

synonym: protrusion, exposure, formation

(1) an **outcrop** of a stratum, (2) **outcrop** belt

The **outcrop** of rock provided a scenic viewpoint for the hikers.

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.

causeway

 a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area

synonym: embankment, causey, dike

(1) narrow causeway, (2) causeway bridge

We drove across the scenic coastal **causeway**, enjoying the beautiful ocean views.

proclaim

- v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully synonym: announce, declare, trumpet
- (1) proclaim victory, (2) proclaim law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

carving

- n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or designsynonym: sculpture, engraving, sculpture
- (1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

 The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

mythical

- adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore;existing only in tales or in the imaginationsynonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary
- (1) mythical heroes, (2) mythical world

Many cultures have their mythical creatures and legends.

heroism

 great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

synonym: bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of heroism, (2) military heroism

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

slay

- v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon synonym: kill, murder, eliminate
- (1) slay a dragon, (2) slay civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

dynasty

- a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
- (1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty** During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

carver

 a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

synonym: sculptor, engraver, cutter

(1) wood carver, (2) pumpkin carver

The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled **carver's** hands.

poetic

 adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) poetic genius, (2) poetic justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

shatter

- v. to break suddenly into many pieces
- synonym: break, crash, destroy
- (1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

childbirth

- n. the act or process of giving birth to a babysynonym: delivery, labor, parturition
- (1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

ax

 a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

spear

 a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting spear, (2) sharp-pointed spear

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

amulet

a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet,
 believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription

synonym: charm, talisman, mascot

(1) protective **amulet**, (2) **amulet** necklace

I always wear my lucky **amulet** when taking an important exam or giving a presentation.

riddle

 a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

pinpoint

 to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

seaborne

adj. conveyed by sea

synonym: marine

(1) **seaborne** goods, (2) a **seaborne** invasion

These merchants monopolized **seaborne** trade with neighboring countries.

warlock

 a male witch, sorcerer, or wizard; a practitioner of magic or witchcraft

synonym: sorcerer, wizard, magician

(1) warlock's spell, (2) ancient warlock

The ancient book contained forbidden spells used only by the most powerful **warlocks**.

Session 2: Spelling

1	١.	wood	ca	r
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2. a se___ne invasion

3. en____ic smile

4. sharp-pointed sp__r

5. fe____me reputation

6. dy___y of China

7. ri___e me a riddle

8. pl___r the enemy's stronghold

9. bo__y area

10. fe____me creature

11. almanac of the fu____k

- a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
- adj. conveyed by sea

adj. difficult to understand or explain;mysterious or puzzling

 a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

 a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

 a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

 an ancient Germanic runic alphabet used in Scandinavia, Germany, and Anglo-Saxon England

ANSWERS: 1. carver, 2. seaborne, 3. enigmatic, 4. spear, 5. fearsome, 6. dynasty, 7. riddle, 8. plunder, 9. boggy, 10. fearsome, 11. futhark

12. Viking re stones	n.	a letter or character in an old Germanic alphabet, often inscribed on stone, wood, or metal, and used for divination, writing, or decorative purposes, and often associated with ancient Nordic and Scandinavian cultures
13. an ax in the toolbox	n.	a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
14. funerary insons	n.	a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
15. pumpkin car	n.	a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
16. swy terrain	adj.	characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
17. miy forest	adj.	characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought
18. minority dit	n.	a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
19. narrow caay	n.	a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area

ANSWERS: 12. rune, 13. ax, 14. inscription, 15. carver, 16. swampy, 17. misty, 18. dialect, 19. causeway

- 20. ca_e my name on the plate
- 21. de____er code
- 22. po___c genius
- 23. s__y civilians
- 24. chop wood with an ax
- 25. am___t necklace
- 26. sw___y grounds
- 27. mi__y intention
- 28. wa____k's spell
- 29. acts of he m

- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
- to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
- adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
- v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
- a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
- a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription
- adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
- adj. characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought
- n. a male witch, sorcerer, or wizard; a practitioner of magic or witchcraft
- great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

ANSWERS: 20. carve, 21. decipher, 22. poetic, 23. slay, 24. ax, 25. amulet, 26. swampy, 27. misty, 28. warlock, 29. heroism

30.	deer message	<i>v</i> .	to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
31.	inson on a plaque	n.	a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
32.	cor the world	<i>v</i> .	to bring under control by force or authority
33.	inbe a message	ν.	to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
34.	sene goods	adj.	conveyed by sea
35.	re inscription	n.	a letter or character in an old Germanic alphabet, often inscribed on stone, wood, or metal, and used for divination, writing, or decorative purposes, and often associated with ancient Nordic and Scandinavian cultures
36.	ancient wak	n.	a male witch, sorcerer, or wizard; a practitioner of magic or witchcraft
37.	pint signs of manipulation	<i>v</i> .	to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
38.	prim law	<i>v</i> .	to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
39.	an oup of a stratum	n.	a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
40.	myal world	adj.	based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 30. decipher, 31. inscription, 32. conquer, 33. inscribe, 34. seaborne, 35. rune, 36. warlock, 37. pinpoint, 38. proclaim, 39. outcrop, 40. mythical

41. pl_	r his reputation	<i>v</i> .	to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
42. pro	otective amt	n.	a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription
43. ca	e a statue	ν.	to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
44. ou	p belt	n.	a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
45. qu	alified seer	n.	a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
46. ca	g instrument	n.	the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
47. s_	_y a dragon	<i>v</i> .	to kill violently, especially with a weapon
48. ca	ay bridge	n.	a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area
49. du	ring the Ming dyy	n.	a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
50. pi_	nt the problem	v.	to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
51. so	lve the rie	n.	a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 41. plunder, 42. amulet, 43. carve, 44. outcrop, 45. seafarer, 46. carving, 47. slay, 48. causeway, 49. dynasty, 50. pinpoint, 51. riddle

52.	inbe in her mind clearly	ν.	to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
53.	shr the plate	ν.	to break suddenly into many pieces
54.	ancient fuk script	n.	an ancient Germanic runic alphabet used in Scandinavia, Germany, and Anglo-Saxon England
55.	boy land	adj.	containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
56.	cor fatal disease	<i>v</i> .	to bring under control by force or authority
57.	shr a world record	<i>v</i> .	to break suddenly into many pieces
58.	natural chith	n.	the act or process of giving birth to a baby
59.	hunting spr	n.	a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
60.	enic behavior	adj.	difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling
61.	magic incon	n.	a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
62.	myal heroes	adj.	based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 52. inscribe, 53. shatter, 54. futhark, 55. boggy, 56. conquer, 57. shatter, 58. childbirth, 59. spear, 60. enigmatic, 61. incantation, 62. mythical

63.	prim victory	<i>v</i> .	to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
64.	assisted chith	n.	the act or process of giving birth to a baby
65.	prce a name	<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
66.	incon spell	n.	a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
67.	fellow seer	n.	a person who works at sea, especially on a merchant ship or a navy vessel; a person who is experienced in sailing or navigating on the sea
68.	prce a judgment	<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
69.	military hem	n.	great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
70.	a wood cag	n.	the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
71.	poc justice	adj.	of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
72.	a local dit	n.	a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

ANSWERS: 63. proclaim, 64. childbirth, 65. pronounce, 66. incantation, 67. seafarer, 68. pronounce, 69. heroism, 70. carving, 71. poetic, 72. dialect

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ANSWERS:						
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	He was present at the of his children.
n.	the act or process of giving birth to a baby
2.	The ancient coin had an in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
n.	a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
3.	The singer the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
<i>v</i> .	to kill violently, especially with a weapon
4.	The trail through the forest was so that our shoes became soaked.
adj	containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
5.	The spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
n.	a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
6.	We drove across the scenic coastal enjoying the beautiful ocean views.
n.	a raised road or track, usually made of earth, gravel, or stone, that crosses a low or wetland area
7.	The dragon's roar echoed through the valley.
adj	causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
	SWERS: 1. childbirth, 2. inscription, 3. slayed, 4. boggy, 5. dialect, 6. causeway, 7 rsome

ANSWERS: 8. carving, 9. runes, 10. plunder, 11. inscribed, 12. warlocks, 13. shattered, 14. pinpoints, 15. heroism

32.	She struggled to	the word in a foreign language.
<i>v</i> .	to say or speak (a word or	words) correctly or in a particular way
33.	The of rock provide	ed a scenic viewpoint for the hikers.
n.	a visible, exposed rock form	nation at the surface of the ground
	These merchants monopolized conveyed by sea	ed trade with neighboring countries.
35.	I always wear my lucky presentation.	when taking an important exam or giving a
n.	•	as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical ally containing a charm or inscription
36.	The morning made it	hard to see the road ahead.
adj	characterized by, obscured often referring to the quality	I by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, y of a memory or thought

ANSWERS: 32. pronounce, 33. outcrop, 34. seaborne, 35. amulet, 36. misty