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Session 1: Word List

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym: dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

- soy**
- n.* a legume plant that is widely cultivated for its edible bean, which has many uses, such as for oil, food, and animal feed
- (1) **soy** allergy, (2) **soy** milk
- Many people use **soy** sauce for sushi, stir-fries, and marinades.
- durum**
- n.* a type of wheat that is well-suited for making pasta and couscous due to its high protein content and superior gluten strength
- synonym* : hard wheat, macaroni wheat
- (1) **durum** pasta, (2) **durum** wheat
- This bakery specializes in bread made with organic **durum** flour.
- wheat**
- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
- synonym* : grain, cereal
- (1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop
- The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.
- blossom**
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
- synonym* : flower, bloom, bud
- (1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden
- The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- 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**.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

sauce

n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

synonym : condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**

The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

palate

n. the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

synonym : mouth, flavor, sense

(1) **palate** cleanser, (2) refined **palate**

The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's **palate**.

taxonomy

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing

and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

synonym: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

slant

v. to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way

synonym: slope, tilt, incline

(1) **slant** upward, (2) **slant** a hat

The news article **slanted** the story in favor of one political party.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

pinch

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

scoop

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

synonym : ladle, spoon, dipper

(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news

The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

hone

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

synonym: sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

mandala

n. a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation

synonym: sacred circle, geometric pattern

(1) **mandala** tattoo, (2) **mandala** meditation

The **mandala** design on the temple floor is used for meditation and spiritual contemplation.

mushy

adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

synonym: sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas

The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

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.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

mixture

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

synonym: blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

carbohydrate

n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

synonym: sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

scaffold

n. a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

synonym: platform, staging, framework

(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

Session 2: Spelling

1. go____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
2. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
3. sl__t a hat *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
4. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
5. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
6. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
7. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
8. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
9. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
10. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

ANSWERS: 1. gorgeous, 2. belong, 3. slant, 4. miserable, 5. dough, 6. trace, 7. invention, 8. divide, 9. wheat, 10. absorb

11. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
12. sc_____ld construction *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
13. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
14. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
15. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
16. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
17. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
18. refined pa____e *n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes
19. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
20. ta_____my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 11. rib, 12. scaffold, 13. diversity, 14. definitely, 15. division, 16. diversity, 17. delicious, 18. palate, 19. chef, 20. taxonomy

21. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
22. sl__t upward *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
23. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
24. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
25. mu__y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
26. car____ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
27. ma____a tattoo *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
28. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
29. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better

ANSWERS: 21. typical, 22. slant, 23. belong, 24. shell, 25. mushy, 26. carbohydrate, 27. mandala, 28. mass, 29. improve

30. mi_____e of emotions *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
31. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
32. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
33. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
34. po____r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
35. to____e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
36. ma_____a meditation *n.* a geometric pattern representing the universe or a microcosm of it used in Hindu and Buddhist religious practices as a focus for meditation and contemplation
37. perfect mi_____e *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
38. pi__h off a bud *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
39. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 30. mixture, 31. crazy, 32. hone, 33. delight, 34. powder, 35. tongue, 36. mandala, 37. mixture, 38. pinch, 39. butterfly

40. soy sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
41. go to the sc____ld *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
42. cellular di____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
43. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
44. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
45. co____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
46. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
47. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
48. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
49. mu__y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

ANSWERS: 40. sauce, 41. scaffold, 42. division, 43. bow, 44. impose, 45. compose, 46. typical, 47. dough, 48. crunch, 49. mushy

50. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
51. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
52. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
53. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
54. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
55. s_y allergy *n.* a legume plant that is widely cultivated for its edible bean, which has many uses, such as for oil, food, and animal feed
56. sc__p of news *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
57. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 50. rib, 51. Renaissance, 52. blossom, 53. trace, 54. miserable, 55. soy, 56. scoop, 57. blossom

58. a sc__p of ice cream *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
59. h__e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
60. complex car_____ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
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ANSWERS: 79. invention, 80. palate, 81. absorb, 82. compose, 83. soy, 84. chef, 85. crunch, 86. taxonomy, 87. delight

88. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
89. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
90. a go____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive

ANSWERS: 88. amazing, 89. bow, 90. gorgeous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
 - v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

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27. The accident caused a cracked _____.
- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
28. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
29. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
- adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
30. The construction workers set up the _____ to reach the top of the building.
- n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
31. The restaurant's menu offered various dishes to satisfy everyone's _____.
- n.* the roof of the mouth, including the hard and soft tissues used in speech and the sense of taste; a person's ability to taste or appreciate different flavors and tastes

ANSWERS: 23. durum, 24. miserable, 25. shell, 26. powder, 27. rib, 28. butterfly, 29. delicious, 30. scaffold, 31. palate

32. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
33. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.
v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
34. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue
35. The cake was _____ because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.
adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
36. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato _____.
n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
37. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
38. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
39. The paint was a _____ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.
n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

ANSWERS: 32. impose, 33. pinched, 34. tongue, 35. mushy, 36. sauce, 37. mass, 38. crazy, 39. mixture

40. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

41. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

42. Many people use ____ sauce for sushi, stir-fries, and marinades.

n. a legume plant that is widely cultivated for its edible bean, which has many uses, such as for oil, food, and animal feed

43. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

44. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

45. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 40. definitely, 41. improve, 42. soy, 43. delight, 44. division, 45. amazing