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## Session 1: Word List

### underworld

*n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

*synonym*: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

### outshine

*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel

*synonym*: surpass, excel, outdo

(1) **outshine** his teacher, (2) **outshine** expectations

The new singer **outshined** all the others on stage with her powerful voice.

### resentful

*adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

*synonym*: bitter, indignant, angry

(1) **resentful** attitude, (2) grow bitter and **resentful**

She was **resentful** of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.

## descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

## reappear

v. to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym*: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source

*synonym*: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

## wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym*: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## spear

n. 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.

- dart** *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly  
*synonym* : arrow, (verb) dash  
(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there  
A poison **dart** hit him.
- discord** *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise  
*synonym* : disharmony, disagreement, strife  
(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members  
Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.
- sustenance** *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body  
*synonym* : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition  
(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance  
A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.
- reborn** *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature  
*synonym* : regenerated, revived, renewed  
(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity  
After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.
- jaguar** *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America  
*synonym* : cat, feline, panther  
(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**  
Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

## plunge

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym*: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## staple

*adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

*synonym*: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

## inhabitant

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

*synonym*: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

## solstice

*n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

(1) celebrate **solstice**, (2) summer **solstice**

The winter **solstice** marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

## omen

*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

*synonym*: portent, sign, prediction

(1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**

The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.

## vanquish

*v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

*synonym*: conquer, triumph over, defeat

(1) **vanquish** an opponent, (2) **vanquish** a fear

The army successfully **vanquished** their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in di____d with my friend      | <i>n.</i> lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise   |
| 2. scanty sus_____ce              | <i>n.</i> food and drink that living things need to nourish their body   |
| 3. celebrate so_____ce            | <i>n.</i> either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events |
| 4. grow bitter and re_____ul      | <i>adj.</i> feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly   |
| 5. st___e crop                    | <i>adj.</i> essential, crucial, or regularly used  |
| 6. di____d between team members   | <i>n.</i> lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise   |
| 7. re_____ar throughout this book | <i>v.</i> to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time   |
| 8. bad o__n                       | <i>n.</i> a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence   |

ANSWERS: 1. discord, 2. sustenance, 3. solstice, 4. resentful, 5. staple, 6. discord, 7. reappear, 8. omen

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| 9. prophetic o__n                | <i>n.</i> a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence   |
| 10. as____e everything to nature | <i>v.</i> to attribute something to a particular cause or source   |
| 11. ou____ne expectations        | <i>v.</i> to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel  |
| 12. b__y emotion                 | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb   |
| 13. inh_____nt tax               | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place   |
| 14. beautiful su____e            | <i>n.</i> the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky  |
| 15. va____sh a fear              | <i>v.</i> to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something  |
| 16. b__y in the earth            | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb   |
| 17. summer so____ce              | <i>n.</i> either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events |
| 18. sharp-pointed sp__r          | <i>n.</i> a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past   |
| 19. de____d a steep hill         | <i>v.</i> to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood  |

ANSWERS: 9. omen, 10. ascribe, 11. outshine, 12. bury, 13. inhabitant, 14. sunrise, 15. vanquish, 16. bury, 17. solstice, 18. spear, 19. descend

20. d\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
21. god of the und\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
22. st\_\_\_e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
23. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
24. re\_\_\_\_\_ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
25. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
26. pl\_\_\_e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
27. re\_\_\_\_\_ul attitude *adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly
28. va\_\_\_\_\_sh an opponent *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
29. a wild ja\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 20. dart, 21. underworld, 22. staple, 23. descend, 24. reappear, 25. wield, 26. plunge, 27. resentful, 28. vanquish, 29. jaguar



30. re\_\_\_n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
31. sus\_\_\_\_\_ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
32. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
33. the early inh\_\_\_\_\_nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
34. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
35. as\_\_\_\_\_e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
36. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
37. pl\_\_\_e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
38. high-technology su\_\_\_\_\_e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
39. a female ja\_\_\_r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
40. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 30. reborn, 31. sustenance, 32. dart, 33. inhabitant, 34. spear, 35. ascribe, 36. supremacy, 37. plunge, 38. sunrise, 39. jaguar, 40. supremacy

41. ou\_\_\_\_ne his teacher      *v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
42. criminal und\_\_\_\_\_ld      *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
43. wi\_\_d her authority      *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
44. re\_\_\_\_n soul      *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

ANSWERS: 41. outshine, 42. underworld, 43. wield, 44. reborn

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ person with a new perspective on life.

*adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

2. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

3. The project's success was \_\_\_\_\_ to the team's hard work.

*v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

4. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.

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

5. A regular job is often a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

6. The winter \_\_\_\_\_ marks the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

*n.* either of the two moments in a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, resulting in the shortest or longest day of the year; the time of year associated with these events

7. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

ANSWERS: 1. reborn, 2. descended, 3. ascribed, 4. spears, 5. sustenance, 6. solstice, 7. dart

8. Political \_\_\_\_\_ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.
- n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
9. The army successfully \_\_\_\_\_ their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.
- v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
10. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.
- adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
11. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the \_\_\_\_\_ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
12. The company's profits \_\_\_\_\_ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
13. The alignment of the planets was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ of major changes in people's lives.
- n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
14. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.
- n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 8. discord, 9. vanquished, 10. staple, 11. underworld, 12. plunged, 13. omen, 14. supremacy

15. The new singer \_\_\_\_\_ all the others on stage with her powerful voice.

*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel

16. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.

*v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

17. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

18. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

19. I got up early to watch the \_\_\_\_\_ at the summit.

*n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

20. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of her ex-partner's new relationship, feeling that he had unfairly replaced her.

*adj.* feeling or expressing bitterness or anger because you have been treated unfairly

21. His family is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.

*n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

22. Humans have developed the \_\_\_\_\_ habitat over several decades.

*n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 15. outshined, 16. reappeared, 17. bury, 18. wielded, 19. sunrise, 20. resentful, 21. inhabitant, 22. jaguar's