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Session 1: Word List

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym: rescue, recovery

salvage operation, (2) salvage a sunken ship
 salvage yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

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.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis. The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

fraternal

 adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell) synonym: brotherly, congenial, biovular

(1) fraternal twins, (2) a fraternal association

He recommended that they take out **fraternal** life insurance.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) drown in a bath, (2) I was drowned in workFloods have the potential to drown any subsurface animals

easily.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) illicit drugs, (2) illicit trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

rev

 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**.

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.
- storytelling
- n. the act or art of narrating or writing storiessynonym: narrating, relating, recounting
- (1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling** She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using

different voices for other characters.

interrogate

- v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive mannersynonym: question, examine, probe
- (1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

caste

- n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a societysynonym: class, social group, status group
- (1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

hereditary

- adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
- synonym: inherited, transmitted, genetic
- a hereditary disease, (2) hereditary property
 A hereditary condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

abolish

- v. to do away with completely; to put an end to synonym: cancel, repeal, annul
- (1) abolish slavery, (2) abolish censorshipThe government voted to abolish the outdated law.

pickle

- vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
- synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire
- (1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

untouchable

adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

synonym: unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

embark

- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start somethingsynonym: enter, undertake, commence
- (1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure
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forbidding

- adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninvitingsynonym: intimidating, uninviting, daunting
- (1) **forbidding** atmosphere, (2) **forbidding** mountain The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel **forbidding** to the students.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

lurk

- v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal synonym: hide, creep, stalk
- (1) lurked behind the words,(2) lurk in the darknessIn the city, the risk of traffic accidents lurks at every corner.

mourn

to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

lily

- a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
- (1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

sari

a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym: shawl, wrap, veil

(1) sari blouse, (2) silk sari

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

drip

to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

foray

a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

synonym: raid, attack, incursion

(1) make a quick foray, (2) foray into politics The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.

turmoil

- a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder
- (1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

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The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym: whip, beat, strike

(1) lash the oxen, (2) lash a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

shun

 to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym: avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

bud

a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

countermovement

 a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal

synonym: opposing action, countermeasure

(1) economic **countermovement**, (2) the **countermovement** against globalization

The **countermovement** in the stock market caused many investors to panic.

mislead

- v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true synonym: misinform, delude, belie
- (1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

stave

 a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym: stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

famine

 a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) famine relief, (2) coal famine

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

greet

 to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) greet a customer, (2) greet an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

ghastly

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

synonym: horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) ghastly sight, (2) ghastly mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

wayside

 the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

synonym: roadside

(1) flowers along the **wayside**, (2) fall by the **wayside**There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the **wayside**.

shrine

 a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 19. bud, 20. foray, 21. untouchable, 22. shun, 23. shun, 24. wayside, 25. rev, 26. shrine, 27. interrogate

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. <i>v</i> .	The Earth around the Sun in an elliptical orbit. to rotate around a central point
2.	A condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.
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n.	a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
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