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## Session 1: Word List

### pigeon

*n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

### wring

*v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

*synonym*: squeeze, twist, compress

(1) **wring** out a towel, (2) **wring** a secret

I had to **wring** out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.

### entrails

*n.* the internal organs of an animal or human body; the visceral organs, especially those in the abdominal cavity or gut; the inner workings or essence of something

*synonym*: guts, intestines, insides

(1) animal **entrails**, (2) **entrails** of the earth

The chef used the pig's **entrails** to make a traditional dish from his homeland.

## druid

*n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

*synonym*: pagan, shaman, spiritualist

(1) **druid** ritual, (2) **druid** priestess

The ancient **druids** believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.

## rite

*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

*synonym*: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

## mediate

*v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

*synonym*: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

## memorize

*v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

*synonym*: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## 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.

## strife

*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

*synonym* : conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

## redo

*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

*synonym* : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

## lyre

*n.* an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment

*synonym* : harp

(1) twang the **lyre**, (2) **lyre** snakes

The recitations of the ancient Greeks were accompanied by **lyre** playing.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## mistletoe

*n.* a parasitic plant that grows on the branches of certain trees, typically used as a decoration during the winter holiday season, often associated with the tradition of kissing underneath it

(1) hang the **mistletoe**, (2) **mistletoe** decoration

According to tradition, kissing under the **mistletoe** during the holidays brings good luck.

## chieftain

*n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization

*synonym*: leader, ruler, chief

(1) **chieftain** leader, (2) corporate **chieftain**

All respected the **chieftain** of the tribe.

## uneasy

*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

*synonym*: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to

do.

## porridge

*n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

*synonym* : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

## intercept

*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym* : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

## parchment

*n.* a thin, smooth, durable material made from the skin of a sheep or goat, used in the past as a writing surface

*synonym* : vellum, sheepskin, goatskin

(1) **parchment** scroll, (2) ancient **parchment**

The ancient scroll was written on **parchment** and carefully preserved in a museum.

## peacemaker

*n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

*synonym* : mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

## converge

*v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym* : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a racing pi\_\_\_n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
2. me\_\_\_\_\_ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
3. oat po\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
4. me\_\_\_\_\_e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
5. un\_\_\_y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
6. ancient pa\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thin, smooth, durable material made from the skin of a sheep or goat, used in the past as a writing surface
7. re\_\_\_n soul *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
8. wr\_\_g out a towel *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
9. mi\_\_\_\_\_oe decoration *n.* a parasitic plant that grows on the branches of certain trees, typically used as a decoration during the winter holiday season, often associated with the tradition of kissing underneath it

ANSWERS: 1. pigeon, 2. memorize, 3. porridge, 4. mediate, 5. uneasy, 6. parchment, 7. reborn, 8. wring, 9. mistletoe

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| 10. co____ge of a series           | v. | to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet   |
| 11. s__y a dragon                  | v. | to kill violently, especially with a weapon  |
| 12. corporate ch_____in            | n. | a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization  |
| 13. de___e all of my energies      | v. | to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose   |
| 14. wr__g a secret                 | v. | to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure |
| 15. at st___e over the land        | n. | conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups  |
| 16. try hard to me____ze the lines | v. | to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly  |
| 17. dr__d priestess                | n. | a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination  |
| 18. civil st___e                   | n. | conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups  |
| 19. bad o__n                       | 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                                   |
| 20. r__e of passage into adulthood | n. | a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice  |

ANSWERS: 10. converge, 11. slay, 12. chieftain, 13. devote, 14. wring, 15. strife, 16. memorize, 17. druid, 18. strife, 19. omen, 20. rite

21. in\_\_\_\_\_pt X rays      *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
22. r\_\_o a project      *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
23. hang the mi\_\_\_\_\_oe      *n.* a parasitic plant that grows on the branches of certain trees, typically used as a decoration during the winter holiday season, often associated with the tradition of kissing underneath it
24. de\_\_\_e my own life      *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
25. pi\_\_\_n on the roof      *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
26. re\_\_\_n identity      *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
27. shepherd's h\_t      *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
28. have un\_\_\_y eyes      *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
29. in\_\_\_\_\_pt an enemy force      *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
30. pea\_\_\_\_\_er effort      *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

ANSWERS: 21. intercept, 22. redo, 23. mistletoe, 24. devote, 25. pigeon, 26. reborn, 27. hut, 28. uneasy, 29. intercept, 30. peacemaker



31. en\_\_\_\_ls of the earth *n.* the internal organs of an animal or human body; the visceral organs, especially those in the abdominal cavity or gut; the inner workings or essence of something
32. sweet po\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
33. ch\_\_\_\_\_in leader *n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
34. r\_\_o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
35. pa\_\_\_\_\_nt scroll *n.* a thin, smooth, durable material made from the skin of a sheep or goat, used in the past as a writing surface
36. s\_\_y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
37. me\_\_\_\_\_e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
38. we\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
39. dr\_\_d ritual *n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination

ANSWERS: 31. entrails, 32. porridge, 33. chieftain, 34. redo, 35. parchment, 36. slay, 37. mediate, 38. weave, 39. druid

40. twang the l\_\_e *n.* an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment
41. fishing h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
42. act as pea\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
43. prophetic o\_\_n *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
44. we\_\_e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
45. perform the r\_\_e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
46. co\_\_\_\_\_ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
47. l\_\_e snakes *n.* an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment
48. animal en\_\_\_\_\_ls *n.* the internal organs of an animal or human body; the visceral organs, especially those in the abdominal cavity or gut; the inner workings or essence of something

ANSWERS: 40. lyre, 41. hut, 42. peacemaker, 43. omen, 44. weave, 45. rite, 46. converge, 47. lyre, 48. entrails

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
  - v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
2. Lawyers need to \_\_\_\_\_ even the most minor provisions of the law.
  - v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
3. The ancient scroll was written on \_\_\_\_\_ and carefully preserved in a museum.
  - n. a thin, smooth, durable material made from the skin of a sheep or goat, used in the past as a writing surface
4. The chef used the pig's \_\_\_\_\_ to make a traditional dish from his homeland.
  - n. the internal organs of an animal or human body; the visceral organs, especially those in the abdominal cavity or gut; the inner workings or essence of something
5. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.
  - v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
6. The dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.
  - n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. mediate, 2. memorize, 3. parchment, 4. entrails, 5. weaves, 6. peacemaker, 7. hut

8. The country has been wracked by political \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.  
*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.  
*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
10. All respected the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribe.  
*n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
11. I had to \_\_\_\_ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.  
*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
12. The bishop performed the \_\_\_\_ of consecration for the new church.  
*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
13. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.  
*v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
14. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio.  
*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
15. The recitations of the ancient Greeks were accompanied by \_\_\_\_ playing.  
*n.* an ancient musical instrument with strings fastened in a frame used by ancient Greeks for accompaniment

ANSWERS: 8. strife, 9. devoted, 10. chieftain, 11. redo, 12. rite, 13. wring, 14. intercept, 15. lyre

16. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.  
*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
17. The ancient \_\_\_\_\_ believed in the power of nature and conducted rituals to honor it.  
*n.* a member of an ancient Celtic order of priests, often associated with nature worship and divination
18. He was \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation and didn't know what to do.  
*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
19. According to tradition, kissing under the \_\_\_\_\_ during the holidays brings good luck.  
*n.* a parasitic plant that grows on the branches of certain trees, typically used as a decoration during the winter holiday season, often associated with the tradition of kissing underneath it
20. 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
21. 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
22. A bowl of hot \_\_\_\_\_ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.  
*n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

ANSWERS: 16. slayed, 17. druids, 18. uneasy, 19. mistletoe, 20. omen, 21. reborn, 22. porridge

23. The two rivers \_\_\_\_\_ into one near this area.

- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 23. converge, 24. pigeon