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Session 1: Word List

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym : anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym : surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym : fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

gush

v. to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

synonym: jet, burst, flush

(1) **gush** about my love for sports, (2) **gush** out and won't stop

A supertanker continues to **gush** oil off the coast of Spain.

untaught

adj. lacking in formal education or learning; not having been taught or instructed in a specific subject

synonym: ignorant, uneducated, untrained

(1) **untaught** knowledge, (2) **untaught** car mechanic

Her **untaught** artistic ability was truly remarkable.

clasp

v. to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together

synonym: grasp, grip, fasten

(1) **clasp** his seatbelt, (2) **clasp** a necklace

I **clasp** my friend's hand to congratulate her on her achievement.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

sneaking

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

synonym : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym : deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

fictive

adj. not real or actual; invented or imagined; relating to or having the characteristics of fiction

synonym : fictional, imaginary, invented

(1) **fictive** language, (2) **fictive** characters

The writer's **fictive** novel was a captivating tale of adventure and intrigue.

savor

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

synonym : enjoy, relish, appreciate

(1) **savor** the moment, (2) **savor** the taste

I always like to **savor** a good cup of coffee in the morning.

boombox

n. a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly

(1) portable **boombox**, (2) classic **boombox**

The party was lit thanks to the loud **boombox** blasting music all night.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

mummy

n. a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material

synonym: corpse, remains

(1) **mummy** tomb, (2) ancient Egyptian **mummy**

The well-preserved **mummy** was discovered in an ancient tomb in the desert.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

stoop

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

synonym: bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

synonym: breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke
He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

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 work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

unbroken

adj. continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

synonym: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fi____e language *adj.* not real or actual; invented or imagined; relating to or having the characteristics of fiction
2. cl__p his seatbelt *v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together
3. ancient Egyptian mu__y *n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material
4. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
5. classic bo____x *n.* a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly
6. g__h about my love for sports *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
7. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
8. an un____en horse *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
9. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. fictive, 2. clasp, 3. mummy, 4. sew, 5. boombox, 6. gush, 7. drown, 8. unbroken, 9. empathy

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| 10. sn_____ng suspicion | <i>adj.</i> characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner |
| 11. ex__l him from his native country | <i>v.</i> to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country |
| 12. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 13. third-generation des_____nt | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 14. st__p to conquer | <i>v.</i> to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially |
| 15. be___y a friend | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |
| 16. se_____te by race | <i>v.</i> to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |
| 17. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 18. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 19. pr___h to the masses | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 20. mo__h into a different shape | <i>v.</i> to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another |
| 21. st__p forward in the chair | <i>v.</i> to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially |

ANSWERS: 10. sneaking, 11. expel, 12. ancestor, 13. descendant, 14. stoop, 15. betray, 16. segregate, 17. sibling, 18. ancestor, 19. preach, 20. morph, 21. stoop

22. en____e indigenous people v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
23. pr___h the gospel v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
24. g__h out and won't stop v. to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
25. hi__h a ride v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
26. hi__h up my trousers v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
27. I was dr__ned in work v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
28. fire hy____t n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
29. ex___e a big sigh v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
30. ou_____er males v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
31. portable bo____x n. a portable radio or music player that often includes speakers and a cassette or CD player, used for playing music loudly

ANSWERS: 22. enslave, 23. preach, 24. gush, 25. hitch, 26. hitch, 27. drown, 28. hydrant, 29. exhale, 30. outnumber, 31. boombox

32. un_____ht knowledge *adj.* lacking in formal education or learning; not having been taught or instructed in a specific subject
33. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
34. fi_____e characters *adj.* not real or actual; invented or imagined; relating to or having the characteristics of fiction
35. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
36. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
37. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
38. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
39. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
40. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
41. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
42. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 32. untaught, 33. expel, 34. fictive, 35. homage, 36. betray, 37. sew, 38. segregate, 39. sibling, 40. jealousy, 41. morph, 42. outnumber

43. cl__p a necklace *v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together
44. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
45. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
46. hy_____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
47. a sn_____ng sense of satisfaction *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
48. sa__r the moment *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
49. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
50. mu__y tomb *n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material
51. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 43. clasp, 44. descendant, 45. enrage, 46. hydrant, 47. sneaking, 48. savor, 49. jealousy, 50. mummy, 51. homage

52. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
53. sa__r the taste *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
54. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
55. un_____ht car mechanic *adj.* lacking in formal education or learning; not having been taught or instructed in a specific subject
56. un_____en chain *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
57. ex___e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
58. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 52. enrage, 53. savor, 54. enslave, 55. untaught, 56. unbroken, 57. exhale, 58. empathy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
 - v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

2. Her _____ artistic ability was truly remarkable.
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ANSWERS: 16. outnumber, 17. descendants, 18. hitched, 19. sew, 20. enraged, 21. siblings, 22. stoop, 23. homage

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