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Session 1: Word List

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym : physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym : canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

caption

n. a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

synonym : heading, subheading, title

(1) **caption** text, (2) social media **caption**

The **caption** on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

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**.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

starling

n. a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks

(1) **starling** bird, (2) **starling** migration

The **starling** flock created a mesmerizing display in the sky.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

amorphous

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

synonym : formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym : chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym: composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym : broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym : sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

unmistakable

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

synonym : apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym : winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym: insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

Session 2: Spelling

1. find unm_____ble evidence *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
2. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
3. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
4. a b__b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
5. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
6. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
7. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
8. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
9. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
10. am_____us amoeba *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

ANSWERS: 1. unmistakable, 2. poet, 3. fellow, 4. blob, 5. fig, 6. poem, 7. hook, 8. despair, 9. invention, 10. amorphous

11. social media ca_____n *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
12. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
13. unm_____ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
14. a big b__b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
15. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
16. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
17. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
18. am_____us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
19. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

ANSWERS: 11. caption, 12. despair, 13. unmistakable, 14. blob, 15. stick, 16. whale, 17. discovery, 18. amorphous, 19. flap

20. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
21. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
22. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
23. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
24. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
25. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
26. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
27. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
28. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
29. cho_____phy art *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

ANSWERS: 20. anatomical, 21. invention, 22. chamber, 23. choreography, 24. giant, 25. whale, 26. wasp, 27. transformation, 28. horrify, 29. choreography

30. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
31. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
32. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
33. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
34. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
35. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
36. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
37. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
38. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
39. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 30. shift, 31. gasp, 32. wasp, 33. contribute, 34. decompose, 35. poem, 36. gasp, 37. ceiling, 38. poet, 39. metaphor

40. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
41. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
42. natural gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
43. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
44. mu____r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
45. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
46. bl____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (*v.*) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
47. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (*n.*) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 40. horrify, 41. swarm, 42. grandeur, 43. observe, 44. murmur, 45. chamber, 46. blister, 47. stick

48. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
49. st_____ng migration *n.* a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks
50. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
51. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
52. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
53. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
54. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
55. st_____ng bird *n.* a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks
56. ca_____n text *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
57. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
58. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 48. inherit, 49. starling, 50. inherit, 51. sweeping, 52. universe, 53. transformation, 54. anatomical, 55. starling, 56. caption, 57. giant, 58. metaphor

59. ob____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
60. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
61. sw____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
62. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
63. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
64. lost in gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
65. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
66. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
67. de____se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

ANSWERS: 59. observe, 60. hook, 61. sweeping, 62. fig, 63. murmur, 64. grandeur, 65. fellow, 66. swarm, 67. decompose

68. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
69. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
70. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
71. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
72. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
73. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
74. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
75. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
76. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 68. discovery, 69. blister, 70. flock, 71. flock, 72. ceiling, 73. contribute, 74. flap, 75. shift, 76. universe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
2. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.
adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
3. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
4. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
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6. His talent for singing is _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. inherited, 2. sweeping, 3. discovery, 4. wasp, 5. grandeur, 6. unmistakable, 7. universe

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10. His friend's death drove him to _____.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
11. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
12. Please hang your towel on a _____.
- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
13. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.
- v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 8. blister, 9. giant, 10. despair, 11. flock, 12. hook, 13. stick, 14. murmurs

15. The clouded jellyfish has an _____ shape, making it difficult to identify.
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ANSWERS: 15. amorphous, 16. anatomical, 17. contribute, 18. starling, 19. swarm, 20. transformations, 21. caption, 22. flap

23. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
24. The dance performance featured intricate _____.
- n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
25. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
26. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
27. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
28. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
29. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry

ANSWERS: 23. poem, 24. choreography, 25. fellow, 26. observe, 27. invention, 28. chambers, 29. poet

30. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

31. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

32. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

33. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

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34. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

35. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

36. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

37. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

ANSWERS: 30. ceiling, 31. gasped, 32. figs, 33. whale, 34. horrify, 35. decompose, 36. metaphors, 37. blob

38. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 38. shift