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Session 1: Word List

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

yak

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

campsite

n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

synonym: campground, camping area, outdoor site

(1) **campsite** location, (2) scenic **campsite**

The firewood at the **campsite** was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

synonym: noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum
The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

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.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

insubordination

n. a defiant or disobedient attitude towards authority, often leading to disrespectful behavior or noncompliance with rules or orders

synonym: disobedience, defiance, rebellion

(1) verbal **insubordination**, (2) **insubordination** in the workplace

The manager had to deal with an employee's **insubordination** during a meeting.

subdued

adj. quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior

synonym: restrained, quiet, calm

(1) **subdued** color, (2) **subdued** lighting

The party had a **subdued** atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

pillage

n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

synonym: looting, plunder, raid

(1) violent **pillage**, (2) **pillage** gold and other treasures

The army's village **pillage** left the residents without food or shelter.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

brocade

n. a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings

(1) floral **brocade**, (2) **brocade** ribbon

The bride's dress was made of elegant **brocade** fabric.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

gunpowder

n. a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

synonym: ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

vie

v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

synonym: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

regent

n. a person who governs a kingdom or state in the absence of the monarch or during the minority, incapacity, or absence of the legitimate successor

synonym: ruler, governor, protector

(1) **regent** council, (2) queen **regent**

The **regent's** rule was marked by a period of prosperity and peace.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**
During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy
The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture
Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

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.

horde

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym: crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers
The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

unmatched

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

synonym: unrivaled, incomparable, peerless

(1) **unmatched** quality, (2) **unmatched** performance

The team's **unmatched** talent led them to victory in the championship game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. no____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
2. third-generation des____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
3. violent pi____e *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
4. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
5. scenic ca____te *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
6. uns____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
7. un____ed performance *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
8. uns____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
9. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 1. nomadic, 2. descendant, 3. pillage, 4. nomad, 5. campsite, 6. unstoppable, 7. unmatched, 8. unstoppable, 9. flourish

10. su____d lighting *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
11. ari____tic titles *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
12. floral br____e *n.* a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings
13. su____d color *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
14. v_e for attention *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
15. dy____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
16. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. ca____te location *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
18. ina____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

ANSWERS: 10. subdued, 11. aristocratic, 12. brocade, 13. subdued, 14. vie, 15. dynasty, 16. ancestor, 17. campsite, 18. inaugurate

19. no____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
20. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
21. domestic y_k *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
22. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
23. sit and y_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
24. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
25. ho__e of attackers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
26. re____t council *n.* a person who governs a kingdom or state in the absence of the monarch or during the minority, incapacity, or absence of the legitimate successor
27. fo____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

ANSWERS: 19. nomadic, 20. inhabit, 21. yak, 22. sham, 23. yak, 24. conquer, 25. horde, 26. regent, 27. forcibly

28. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
29. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
30. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
31. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
32. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
33. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
34. ari_____tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
35. no__d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
36. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
37. queen re____t *n.* a person who governs a kingdom or state in the absence of the monarch or during the minority, incapacity, or absence of the legitimate successor

ANSWERS: 28. descendant, 29. grandchild, 30. dynasty, 31. seize, 32. conquer, 33. seize, 34. aristocratic, 35. nomad, 36. monumental, 37. regent

38. ins_____ion in the workplace *n.* a defiant or disobedient attitude towards authority, often leading to disrespectful behavior or noncompliance with rules or orders
39. v_e for a trophy *v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
40. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
41. fo_____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
42. li_____e tree *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
43. the ho__e of shoppers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
44. verbal ins_____ion *n.* a defiant or disobedient attitude towards authority, often leading to disrespectful behavior or noncompliance with rules or orders
45. tapestry we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
46. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
47. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 38. insubordination, 39. vie, 40. monumental, 41. forcibly, 42. lineage, 43. horde, 44. insubordination, 45. weaver, 46. sham, 47. scatter

48. pi_____e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
49. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
50. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
51. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
52. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
53. gu_____er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
54. br_____e ribbon *n.* a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings
55. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
56. smokeless gu_____er *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
57. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

ANSWERS: 48. pillage, 49. grandchild, 50. scatter, 51. flourish, 52. spoil, 53. gunpowder, 54. brocade, 55. inhabit, 56. gunpowder, 57. inaugurate

58. un_____ed quality *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
59. maternal li_____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
60. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
61. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
62. the textile we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

ANSWERS: 58. unmatched, 59. lineage, 60. spoil, 61. ancestor, 62. weaver

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
2. The party had a _____ atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.
adj. quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
3. The bride's dress was made of elegant _____ fabric.
n. a rich, intricately patterned fabric that typically includes metallic threads, often used for formal clothing or furnishings
4. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
5. The _____ fringed the scarf.
n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
6. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
7. The army's village _____ left the residents without food or shelter.
n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
8. The team's winning streak was _____.
adj. impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 1. spoil, 2. subdued, 3. brocade, 4. descendants, 5. weaver, 6. conquer, 7. pillage, 8. unstoppable

9. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
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adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
12. The team's _____ talent led them to victory in the championship game.
adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
13. The invention of _____ revolutionized warfare.
n. a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
14. They both _____ for the top spot in the company.
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- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
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- adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
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- v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

ANSWERS: 25. sham, 26. lineage, 27. grandchild, 28. flourished, 29. insubordination, 30. monumental, 31. inaugurate