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Session 1: Word List

colossus

n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

synonym: giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the modern economy.

brazen

adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)

synonym: audacious, bold, impudent

(1) **brazen** lie, (2) **brazen** painted faces

The **brazen** thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.

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.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

pomp

n. a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

synonym: splendor, grandeur, ceremony

(1) imperial **pomp**, (2) devoid of **pomp**

The coronation ceremony of the king was filled with **pomp** and grandeur.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter

storm.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

wretchedness

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

synonym: misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

teem

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

synonym: brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

synonym: storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ye__n after my old days | v. | to strongly desire or long for something |
| 2. st___e down a slope | v. | to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress |
| 3. hu___e in a temporary shelter | v. | to crowd or press closely together; cuddle |
| 4. economic wre_____ess | n. | the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed |
| 5. te_____t in a teapot | n. | a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings |
| 6. imperial p__p | n. | a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence |
| 7. t__m with activity | v. | to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily |
| 8. be___n of hope | n. | a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning |
| 9. ancient co_____us | n. | a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry |
| 10. co_____r the world | v. | to bring under control by force or authority |

ANSWERS: 1. yearn, 2. stride, 3. huddle, 4. wretchedness, 5. tempest, 6. pomp, 7. teem, 8. beacon, 9. colossus, 10. conquer

11. violent te____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
12. br____n lie *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
13. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
14. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
15. an aerial be____n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
16. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
17. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
18. hu____e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
19. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
20. st____e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
21. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 11. tempest, 12. brazen, 13. teem, 14. wretchedness, 15. beacon, 16. yearn, 17. conquer, 18. huddle, 19. imprison, 20. stride, 21. torch

22. co____us company *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
23. devoid of p__p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence
24. im____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
25. br____n painted faces *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
26. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 22. colossus, 23. pomp, 24. imprison, 25. brazen, 26. torch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
2. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
3. The city _____ with traffic on holiday.
v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
4. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
5. The book delves into the _____ and misery of life in a war-torn country.
n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
6. The automobile industry is a _____ behemoth of the modern economy.
n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
7. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.
v. to strongly desire or long for something
8. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

ANSWERS: 1. conquer, 2. torch, 3. teems, 4. beacon, 5. wretchedness, 6. colossus, 7. yearned, 8. strides

9. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
10. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the _____.
n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
11. The _____ thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.
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12. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
13. The coronation ceremony of the king was filled with _____ and grandeur.
n. a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

ANSWERS: 9. huddled, 10. tempest, 11. brazen, 12. imprisoned, 13. pomp