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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.

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.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

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.

limb

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

synonym: arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

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.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym: potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

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.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

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.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

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.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive,

order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

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.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

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.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

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**.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

2. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

3. devoid of p__p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

4. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

5. ha____r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

6. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

7. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something

8. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

ANSWERS: 1. command, 2. flame, 3. pomp, 4. twin, 5. harbor, 6. lift, 7. yearn, 8. flame

9. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
10. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
11. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
12. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
13. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
14. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
15. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
16. a ho_____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
17. spectacular su___t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
18. economic wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
19. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

ANSWERS: 9. fame, 10. huddle, 11. lightning, 12. mighty, 13. beacon, 14. fame, 15. silent, 16. homeless, 17. sunset, 18. wretchedness, 19. sunset

20. l__b amputation *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
21. violent te____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
22. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
23. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
24. give si__t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
25. br____n lie *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
26. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
27. im____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
28. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
29. imperial p__p *n.* a display of ceremonial splendor; formal or ostentatious display or a show of magnificence

ANSWERS: 20. limb, 21. tempest, 22. giant, 23. ancient, 24. silent, 25. brazen, 26. harbor, 27. imprison, 28. shore, 29. pomp

30. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
31. 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
32. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
33. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
34. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
35. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
36. a prosthetic l__b *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
37. t__m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
38. 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
39. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
40. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 30. mass, 31. colossus, 32. shore, 33. teem, 34. stride, 35. yearn, 36. limb, 37. teem, 38. torch, 39. ancient, 40. torch

41. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
42. br___n painted faces *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
43. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
44. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
45. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
46. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
47. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
48. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

ANSWERS: 41. lift, 42. brazen, 43. frame, 44. giant, 45. mass, 46. imprison, 47. command, 48. huddle

49. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
50. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
51. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
52. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
53. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
54. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
55. 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
56. 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
57. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
58. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
59. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 49. refuse, 50. wretchedness, 51. twin, 52. stride, 53. mighty, 54. conquer, 55. tempest, 56. colossus, 57. frame, 58. conquer, 59. refuse

60. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
61. be____n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
62. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

ANSWERS: 60. lightning, 61. beacon, 62. homeless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
2. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
3. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.
n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
4. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
5. 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
6. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. ancient, 2. harbor, 3. lightning-fast, 4. frame, 5. strides, 6. lifted, 7. tempest

8. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.

v. to strongly desire or long for something

9. 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

10. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

11. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured _____.

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

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n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
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16. The _____ thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.

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ANSWERS: 8. yearned, 9. torch, 10. mighty, 11. limb, 12. shore, 13. conquer, 14. homeless, 15. giant, 16. brazen

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

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23. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

24. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

25. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 17. teems, 18. fame, 19. wretchedness, 20. beacon, 21. pomp, 22. refuse, 23. mass, 24. twin, 25. silent

26. He is in the _____ of his life.

- n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

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- 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

ANSWERS: 26. sunset, 27. huddled, 28. flame, 29. imprisoned, 30. command, 31. colossus