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# **Session 1: Word List**

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

prelude

 an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

synonym: introduction, opening, prologue

(1) prelude music, (2) ominous prelude

The book's introductory chapter provided a **prelude** to the rest of the story.

recital

 a public performance of music or dance, usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts

synonym: performance, concert, show

(1) poetry **recital**, (2) give a **recital** at the hall Her piano **recital** was a great success, and she received a standing ovation.

#### disrespect

an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no disrespect, (2) disrespect for a customer His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

### synthesize

to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

*synonym*: incorporate, amalgamate

- (1) synthesize molecules, (2) synthesize information The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.
- a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment synonym: song, melody, tune
- (1) aria singer, (2) dramatic aria

The soprano performed an emotional aria that brought the audience to tears.

#### seduce

to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

- (1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.
- a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym: verse, poetry, meter

(1) rhyme poem, (2) write in rhyme

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

# euphemism

a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

aria

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

### jukebox

 a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past

synonym: music player, nickelodeon

(1) jukebox music, (2) digital jukebox

The diner had a classic **jukebox** that played all the hits from the 1950s and 60s.

### tango

- a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
- (1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

#### sonatina

 a short and relatively simple sonata, often used for instructional purposes or as an exercise; typically consists of three movements and is played on the piano or another instrument

synonym: sonata

(1) **sonatina** composition, (2) **sonatina** for solo piano
The talented pianist's recital included a beautiful **sonatina** by
Mozart.

#### sonata

n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

synonym: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata** 

He's been practicing a new sonata for weeks.

#### metronome

 a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo synonym: beatkeeper, timekeeper

(1) **metronome** ticking, (2) electronic **metronome** 

The composer marked the score with **metronome** indications to guide the musicians.

#### bohemian

 a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions

*synonym*: free spirit, nonconformist

(1) **bohemian** vibe, (2) **bohemian** fashion

The **bohemian** lifestyle of the artist appealed to her sense of freedom and creativity.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym: bake, broil, grill

(1) roast coffee beans, (2) roast beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

bolero

n. Spanish dance in triple time with a lively rhythm, often performed by a solo dancer or a couple; a short, waist-length jacket worn by women, characterized by a flared hemline and often made of a dressy fabric such as lace or velvet

synonym: shrug, shawl, poncho

(1) black **bolero** jacket, (2) dance **bolero** 

The **bolero's** rhythm accentuated the dancer's flowing movements.

syllable

- a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
- syllable structure, (2) single syllable
   Emphasize the second syllable when pronouncing it.

#### singe

 to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

#### ovation

 a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation** 

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

#### rehearsal

 a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress rehearsal, (2) music rehearsal

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

# applause

 a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of applause, (2) earn applause

The **applause** burst from the audience.

#### clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) clap my hands, (2) clap a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

# **Session 2: Spelling**

1. c\_\_p a book shut

2. digital ju\_\_\_x

3. mean no dis ct

4. spontaneous ov\_\_\_\_n

5. sy\_\_\_le structure

6. s\_p on the back

7. genteel eu\_\_\_\_sm

- to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
- n. a machine that plays recorded music when a selection is made by inserting coins or tokens, typically found in bars, restaurants, and other public places in the past

 an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

- a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
- a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
- a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

ANSWERS: 1. clap, 2. jukebox, 3. disrespect, 4. ovation, 5. syllable, 6. slap, 7. euphemism

8.	synze molecules	v.	to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
9.	standing ovn	n.	a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
10.	rhe poem	n.	a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
11.	synze information	ν.	to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
12.	boan vibe	n.	a person who leads an unconventional or non-traditional lifestyle, often characterized by creativity, artistic expression, and a disregard for social or cultural norms or conventions
13.	see her mind	v.	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
14.	round of apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
15.	dress real	n.	a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
16.	rot beef	<i>v</i> .	to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

ANSWERS: 8. synthesize, 9. ovation, 10. rhyme, 11. synthesize, 12. bohemian, 13. seduce, 14. applause, 15. rehearsal, 16. roast

17.	ominous pre	n.	an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
18.	sona for solo piano	n.	a short and relatively simple sonata, often used for instructional purposes or as an exercise; typically consists of three movements and is played on the piano or another instrument
19.	pre music	n.	an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
20.	electronic meme	n.	a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo
21.	a eusm for death	n.	a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
22.	give a reI at the hall	n.	a public performance of music or dance usually by a soloist or a group of performers; a detailed account of events or facts
23.	sie off the hair over the flames	<i>v</i> .	to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
24.	disct for a customer	n.	an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
25.	black boo jacket	n.	Spanish dance in triple time with a lively rhythm, often performed by a solo dancer or a couple; a short, waist-lengt jacket worn by women, characterized be a flared hemline and often made of a dressy fabric such as lace or velvet

ANSWERS: 17. prelude, 18. sonatina, 19. prelude, 20. metronome, 21. euphemism, 22. recital, 23. singe, 24. disrespect, 25. bolero

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ANSWERS: 26. bohemian, 27. roast, 28. sonata, 29. rhyme, 30. tango, 31. recital, 32. jukebox, 33. metronome, 34. aria

instrumental accompaniment

35.	music real	n.	a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
36.	dramatic aa	n.	a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
37.	sie the edges of a fabric	v.	to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
38.	sona composition	n.	a short and relatively simple sonata, often used for instructional purposes or as an exercise; typically consists of three movements and is played on the piano or another instrument
39.	sensual tao	n.	a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
40.	see him into crime	ν.	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
41.	single syle	n.	a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
42.	earn apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
AN	SWERS: 35. rehearsal, 36. aria, 37. sin	ge, :	38. sonatina, 39. tango, 40. seduce,

41. syllable, 42. applause

- 43. c\_p my hands
- 44. s\_p a heavy fine
- 45. dance bo\_\_\_o

46. play a so\_\_\_a

- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
- n. Spanish dance in triple time with a lively rhythm, often performed by a solo dancer or a couple; a short, waist-length jacket worn by women, characterized by a flared hemline and often made of a dressy fabric such as lace or velvet
- n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

ANSWERS: 43. clap, 44. slap, 45. bolero, 46. sonata

# **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

1.	The book's introductory chapter provided a to the rest of the story.
n.	an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
2.	Emphasize the second when pronouncing it.
n.	a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
3.	The spider can multiple different silk proteins.
<i>v</i> .	to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
4.	The poem had a consistent scheme throughout.
n.	a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
5.	The theater company had its final before opening night.
n.	a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
6.	The politician tried to down the rumors about his personal life.
<i>v</i> .	to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
7.	His behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
n.	an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
	SWERS: 1. prelude, 2. syllable, 3. synthesize, 4. rhyme, 5. rehearsal, 6. slap, 7. respectful

8.	The soprano performed an emotional that brought the audience to tears.
n.	a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
9.	The rhythm accentuated the dancer's flowing movements.
n.	Spanish dance in triple time with a lively rhythm, often performed by a solo dancer or a couple; a short, waist-length jacket worn by women, characterized by a flared hemline and often made of a dressy fabric such as lace or velvet
10.	The chef the chicken to perfection in the oven.
v.	to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
11.	The talented pianist's recital included a beautiful by Mozart.
n.	a short and relatively simple sonata, often used for instructional purposes or as an exercise; typically consists of three movements and is played on the piano or another instrument
12.	He tried to her with his charm and good looks.
ν.	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
13.	The burst from the audience.
n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
14.	The company used the "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
n.	a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
15.	The singer received an from the crowd after her performance.
n.	a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
	SWERS: 8. aria, 9. bolero's, 10. roasted, 11. sonatina, 12. seduce, 13. applause, euphemism, 15. ovation

- 21. He's been practicing a new \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks.
  - n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
- 22. The composer marked the score with \_\_\_\_\_ indications to guide the musicians.
  - n. a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo

ANSWERS: 16. recital, 17. clapped, 18. jukebox, 19. singed, 20. bohemian, 21. sonata, 22. metronome

23.	We took a	lesson to p	repare for c	our upcoming	dance com	petition

 a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

ANSWERS: 23. tango