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Session 1: Word List

puke

v. to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred

synonym: vomit, hurl, upchuck

(1) **puke** my guts, (2) **puke** in the toilet

The smell of rotting food made him **puke** in disgust.

whine

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

synonym: complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather

The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

satchel

n. a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop

synonym: bag, knapsack, backpack

(1) **satchel** bag, (2) brown **satchel**

I packed my books in my school **satchel** and headed to class.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym : anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym : folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

synonym: argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

pantaloons

n. a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat

(1) striped **pantaloons**, (2) vintage **pantaloons**

The actor wore a colorful **pantaloons** costume during the play.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

shank

n. the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

synonym : leg, stem, shaft

(1) **shank** steak, (2) golf **shank**

The **shank** of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

treble

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

synonym : soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym : limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. je____sy feeling towards another person | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire |
| 2. ca____n salute | <i>n.</i> a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting |
| 3. sn__l mail | <i>n.</i> a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body |
| 4. sa____l bag | <i>n.</i> a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop |
| 5. striped pa____on | <i>n.</i> a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat |
| 6. heated qu____l | <i>n.</i> an argument or dispute between two or more people |
| 7. pretty sp____le | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |
| 8. burn with je____sy | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire |

ANSWERS: 1. jealousy, 2. cannon, 3. snail, 4. satchel, 5. pantaloons, 6. quarrel, 7. spectacle, 8. jealousy

9. brown sa____l *n.* a bag, often made of leather, with a strap for carrying over the shoulder or across the body; typically used to carry personal belongings, such as books or a laptop
10. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
11. Irish ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
12. golf sh__k *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
13. wh____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
14. ey____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
15. p__e my guts *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred
16. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
17. drunken ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 9. satchel, 10. woe, 11. ballad, 12. shank, 13. whistle, 14. eyebrow, 15. puke, 16. leopard, 17. oblivion

18. snow le____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
19. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
20. sh__k steak *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
21. ca____n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
22. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
23. family qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
24. tr___e clef *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
25. wh__e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

ANSWERS: 18. leopard, 19. whine, 20. shank, 21. cannon, 22. whistle, 23. quarrel, 24. treble, 25. whine

26. p__e in the toilet *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred
27. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
28. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
29. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
30. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
31. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
32. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
33. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
34. vintage pa_____on *n.* a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat
35. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
36. vanish into ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 26. puke, 27. snail, 28. beard, 29. creep, 30. beard, 31. woe, 32. ballad, 33. eyebrow, 34. pantaloon, 35. spectacle, 36. oblivion

37. cr__p along the leaf

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

38. tr___e booster

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

ANSWERS: 37. creep, 38. treble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
2. The actor wore a colorful _____ costume during the play.
n. a type of loose-fitting trousers typically worn by men in the past; a stock character in Italian commedia dell'arte, usually depicted as an older man wearing pantaloons and a top hat
3. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
4. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
5. The _____ of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.
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ANSWERS: 1. eyebrow, 2. pantaloons, 3. creeps, 4. snail, 5. shank, 6. Leopards, 7. ballad, 8. woes

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ANSWERS: 9. cannon, 10. beard, 11. oblivion, 12. whistle-blow, 13. whine, 14. quarrel, 15. puke

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