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Session 1: Word List

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

gyre

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

synonym: spiral, vortex, whirl

(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**

The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

falcon

n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

synonym : hawk, eagle, kestrel

(1) **falcon** feathers, (2) peregrine **falcon**

The **falcon's** keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

falconer

n. a person who trains, hunts with, or keeps falcons or other birds of prey

synonym : raptor handler, falcon trainer

(1) **falconer's** glove, (2) professional **falconer**

The skilled **falconer** trained the bird of prey to hunt with precision and agility.

anarchy

n. a state of society without government or law

synonym : chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

pitiless

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

synonym :

cruel, heartless, ruthless

(1) **pitiless** treatment, (2) **pitiless** injustice

The **pitiless** dictator showed no mercy to anyone who opposed him.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym: thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

indignant

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym: outraged, resentful, incensed

(1) **indignant** expression, (2) an **indignant** denial

She was **indignant** when she heard the news.

vex

v. to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

synonym: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) **vex** my mind, (2) **vex** me all night

The loud noise from the construction site was starting to **vex** the nearby residents.

Session 2: Spelling

1. peregrine fa___n *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
2. in_____nt expression *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
3. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
4. professional fa_____er *n.* a person who trains, hunts with, or keeps falcons or other birds of prey
5. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
6. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
7. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
8. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
9. household bu____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
10. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
11. v_x me all night *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

ANSWERS: 1. falcon, 2. indignant, 3. gyre, 4. falconer, 5. drown, 6. intensify, 7. widen, 8. thigh, 9. butler, 10. drown, 11. vex

12. bu___r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
13. an_____y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
14. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
15. g__e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
16. fa_____er's glove *n.* a person who trains, hunts with, or keeps falcons or other birds of prey
17. fa___n feathers *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
18. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
19. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
20. pi_____ss injustice *adj.* without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others
21. lapse into an_____y *n.* a state of society without government or law
22. v_x my mind *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

ANSWERS: 12. butler, 13. anarchy, 14. thigh, 15. gyre, 16. falconer, 17. falcon, 18. intensify, 19. widen, 20. pitiless, 21. anarchy, 22. vex

23. pi____ss treatment

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

24. an in_____nt denial

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

ANSWERS: 23. pitiless, 24. indignant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
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2. The concept of _____ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.
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v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 1. drown, 2. anarchy, 3. indignant, 4. thigh, 5. falconer, 6. pitiless, 7. vex, 8. widened

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12. The trash caught in the _____ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

ANSWERS: 9. intensify, 10. falcon's, 11. butler, 12. gyre