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Session 1: Word List

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

pretended

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

synonym: feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase

His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in

flocks.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

synagogue

n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

synonym: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

chuckle

n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

synonym: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**
The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's
paintings.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. reconstructed sy_____ue | <i>n.</i> a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices |
| 2. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 3. make a pr_____ed purchase | <i>adj.</i> feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated |
| 4. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 5. Je____h history | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 6. im_____e assistance | <i>v.</i> to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy |
| 7. become a mil_____re | <i>n.</i> a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc. |
| 8. stifled ch_____e | <i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way |
| 9. historical sy_____ue | <i>n.</i> a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices |

ANSWERS: 1. synagogue, 2. grandchild, 3. pretended, 4. ancestor, 5. Jewish, 6. implore, 7. millionaire, 8. chuckle, 9. synagogue

10. ch____e at my cat's silly antics *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
11. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
12. sm____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
13. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
14. pr____ed illness *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
15. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
16. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 10. chuckle, 11. germ, 12. smuggle, 13. intern, 14. pretended, 15. intern, 16. loot

17. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
18. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
20. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
21. or___n care *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
22. mil_____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
23. asylum for or___n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
24. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
25. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
26. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
27. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
28. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 17. grandchild, 18. opportune, 19. loot, 20. Jewish, 21. orphan, 22. millionaire, 23. orphan, 24. smashing, 25. smashing, 26. ancestor, 27. smuggle, 28. germ

29. im____e forgiveness

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

30. an op_____ne remark

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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