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Session 1: Word List

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym: despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

artichoke

n. a type of vegetable that grows on a large plant and has a prickly, cone-shaped flower head with edible leaves and a heart-shaped center; often used in cooking

(1) steamed **artichoke**, (2) grilled **artichoke**

I love the taste of **artichoke** hearts in my salad.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym: dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

stilt

n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

synonym: pole, post, long-legs

(1) **stilt** grass, (2) **stilt** walking

The archeologists found ancient **stilt** houses that were preserved under the water.

pyrotechnic

adj. relating to fireworks or the chemical reactions that produce them; impressive or spectacular in display or effect

synonym: firework, explosive, flammable

(1) **pyrotechnic** special effects, (2) **pyrotechnic** device

The **pyrotechnic** display at the concert was truly stunning.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

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.

saga

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

synonym: epic, tale, chronicle

(1) fantasy **saga**, (2) historical **saga**

The epic **saga** of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

entendre

n. (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

synonym: entente, innuendo, suggestion

(1) humorous **entendre**, (2) unintended **entendre**

The double **entendre** in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

bonfire

n. an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

synonym: campfire, fire, pyre

(1) **bonfire** party, (2) victory **bonfire**

We gathered around the **bonfire**, roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

effigy

n. a representation of a person or thing, especially in the form of sculpture

synonym: statue, sculpture, representation

(1) wax **effigy**, (2) a material **effigy**

The king's **effigy** was carved into the throne to symbolize his authority.

insignia

n. a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization

synonym : badge, emblem, crest

(1) naval **insignia**, (2) school **insignia**

The military uniform had a bright red **insignia** on the sleeve.

incinerate

v. to burn something, especially waste material completely

synonym : burn

(1) **incinerate** waste, (2) the power to **incinerate** nations

For safety reasons, we must completely **incinerate** contaminated protective clothing.

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.

sectarian

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

synonym : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

enmity

n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

synonym : hostility, antipathy, animosity

(1) incur his **enmity**, (2) mutual **enmity**

There is a long-standing **enmity** between the two countries.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

unsayable

adj. unable to be expressed or put into words; too difficult, uncomfortable, or emotionally charged to communicate verbally

synonym : inexpressible, unutterable, ineffable

(1) **unsayable** secrets, (2) **unsayable** truths

The artist's **unsayable** emotions were expressed through her abstract paintings.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st__t grass *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
2. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
3. pyr_____ic special effects *adj.* relating to fireworks or the chemical reactions that produce them; impressive or spectacular in display or effect
4. st__t walking *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
5. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
6. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
7. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
8. de_____ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

ANSWERS: 1. stilt, 2. marvel, 3. pyrotechnic, 4. stilt, 5. unimaginable, 6. complicit, 7. unimaginable, 8. deathbed

9. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
10. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
11. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
12. se_____an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
13. naval in_____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
14. un_____le secrets *adj.* unable to be expressed or put into words; too difficult, uncomfortable, or emotionally charged to communicate verbally
15. se_____an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

ANSWERS: 9. ephemeral, 10. toil, 11. commute, 12. sectarian, 13. insignia, 14. unsayable, 15. sectarian

16. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
17. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
18. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
19. wax ef___y *n.* a representation of a person or thing, especially in the form of sculpture
20. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
21. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. a material ef___y *n.* a representation of a person or thing, especially in the form of sculpture
23. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
24. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
25. bo_____e party *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
26. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

ANSWERS: 16. marvel, 17. cofounder, 18. banish, 19. effigy, 20. protestant, 21. opportune, 22. effigy, 23. dedicate, 24. troop, 25. bonfire, 26. toil

27. the power to inc_____te nations *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
28. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
29. inc_____te waste *v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
30. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
31. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
32. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
33. de_____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
34. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
35. ty____t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
36. a domestic ty____t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 27. incinerate, 28. inhabit, 29. incinerate, 30. Catholic, 31. ephemeral, 32. cathedral, 33. deathbed, 34. complicit, 35. tyrant, 36. tyrant

37. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
38. pyr_____ic device *adj.* relating to fireworks or the chemical reactions that produce them; impressive or spectacular in display or effect
39. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
40. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
41. victory bo_____e *n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
42. steamed ar_____ke *n.* a type of vegetable that grows on a large plant and has a prickly, cone-shaped flower head with edible leaves and a heart-shaped center; often used in cooking
43. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
44. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
45. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 37. inhabit, 38. pyrotechnic, 39. commute, 40. protestant, 41. bonfire, 42. artichoke, 43. banish, 44. clap, 45. cofounder

46. historical s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
47. fantasy s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
48. grilled ar_____ke *n.* a type of vegetable that grows on a large plant and has a prickly, cone-shaped flower head with edible leaves and a heart-shaped center; often used in cooking
49. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
50. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
51. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
52. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
53. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
54. un_____le truths *adj.* unable to be expressed or put into words; too difficult, uncomfortable, or emotionally charged to communicate verbally

ANSWERS: 46. saga, 47. saga, 48. artichoke, 49. dedicate, 50. cathedral, 51. astonishing, 52. troop, 53. astonishing, 54. unsayable

55. humorous en____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
56. school in ____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
57. mutual en____y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
58. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
59. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
60. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
61. unintended en____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
62. incur his en____y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

ANSWERS: 55. entendre, 56. insignia, 57. enmity, 58. opportune, 59. clap, 60. Catholic, 61. entendre, 62. enmity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
 - v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

2. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
 - adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

3. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
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ANSWERS: 1. commute, 2. astonishing, 3. cofounder, 4. opportune, 5. dedicated, 6. entendre, 7. toiled

8. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
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9. The artist's _____ emotions were expressed through her abstract paintings.
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10. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
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14. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 8. complicit, 9. unsayable, 10. Protestant, 11. banished, 12. pyrotechnic, 13. stilt, 14. troop

15. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
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- adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
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- v.* to burn something, especially waste material completely
21. There is a long-standing _____ between the two countries.
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ANSWERS: 15. marvel, 16. clapped, 17. artichoke, 18. unimaginable, 19. sectarian, 20. incinerate, 21. enmity, 22. insignia

23. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

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ANSWERS: 23. inhabit, 24. ephemeral, 25. cathedral's, 26. tyrant's, 27. catholic, 28. saga, 29. deathbed, 30. effigy

31. We gathered around the _____ roasting marshmallows and telling stories.
- n.* an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish

ANSWERS: 31. bonfire,