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Session 1: Word List

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for

seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

incense

n. a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) **incense** burner, (2) **incense** stick

In ancient times, people believed that burning **incense** helped ward off evil spirits.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

glaucoma

n. a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness

synonym : optic nerve damage, ocular hypertension

(1) congenital **glaucoma**, (2) open-angle **glaucoma**

My grandfather was diagnosed with **glaucoma** and had to undergo surgery to prevent further vision loss.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

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.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym : nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym : travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. di___e acid with water
v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
2. put a gr____ul expression
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
3. a narrative p__m
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
4. motion b__r
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
5. I was dr__ned in work
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
6. open-angle gl____ma
n. a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness
7. sw__l up dirt and dust
v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern
8. ec____y class
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 1. dilute, 2. grateful, 3. poem, 4. blur, 5. drown, 6. glaucoma, 7. swirl, 8. economy

9. suffer from ho____ck *adj.* feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time
10. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
11. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
12. pa_____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
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14. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
15. congenital gl_____ma *n.* a group of eye disorders characterized by damage to the optic nerve, often associated with increased pressure within the eye; a leading cause of blindness
16. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 9. homesick, 10. translate, 11. polite, 12. passport, 13. dense, 14. Arabic, 15. glaucoma, 16. plague

17. At____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
18. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
19. deadly pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
20. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
21. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
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ANSWERS: 17. Atlantic, 18. dense, 19. plague, 20. swirl, 21. drown, 22. homesick, 23. passport, 24. incense

25. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
26. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
27. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
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5. _____ the text from Italian into English.
 - v.* to convert or change words into another language

6. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
 - v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

ANSWERS: 1. plague, 2. economy, 3. poem, 4. passport, 5. Translate, 6. diluted

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ANSWERS: 14. Atlantic, 15. swirled, 16. polite, 17. blur, 18. dense