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Session 1: Word List

pimple

a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

synonym: blemish, zit, spot

(1) **pimple** treatment, (2) get rid of a **pimple** The **pimple** outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.

jaguar

a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym: cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild jaguar, (2) a female jaguar Humans have developed the jaguar's habitat over several decades.

serpent

a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a serpent's tail.

underworld

 the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

bonfire

 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.

sustenance

 food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

bloodletting

 the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

synonym: bleeding, phlebotomy, blood donation

(1) **bloodletting** device, (2) ethnic **bloodletting**The doctor used leeches for **bloodletting**, as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.

cactus

 a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small cactus, (2) potted cactus

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

thorn

a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal;
 something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially
 in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym: spike, prickle, spine

(1) thorn bush, (2) thorn injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

fir

 a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) fir branch, (2) fir forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

flaunt

v. to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner

synonym: show off, display, parade

(1) **flaunt** my athletic abilities, (2) **flaunt** success

She liked to **flaunt** her wealth by wearing expensive clothing

and driving luxurious cars.

jade

 a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a jade accessory, (2) decorated with jade

The jade sculpture was worth a fortune.

adorn

 to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers
The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

iridescent

adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles

synonym: pearlescent, rainbowy, opaline

(1) an **iridescent** oil slick, (2) **iridescent** color Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling **iridescent** materials.

quetzal

- a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
- (1) **quetzal** bird, (2) **quetzal** habitat

 The vibrant green and crimson feathers on the **quetzal** were a sight.

roar

- v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine synonym: bellow, yell, shout
- (1) roar with laughter, (2) roar for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

chalk

 a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

hesitation

 n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation** There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

blacken

v. to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character

synonym: darken, taint, discolor

(1) **blacken** reputation, (2) **blacken** the skillet The fire has **blackened** the once-pristine forest.

swoop

 to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

- (1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.
- a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a rag of cloud, (2) rag doll

He used an old rag to clean the grease off the car's engine.

bravery

rag

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

obsidian

 a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability

synonym: volcanic glass, apache tear, black glass

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(1) obsidian arrowhead, (2) obsidian rock

The archaeologist discovered an **obsidian** knife, which would have been a valuable tool in ancient times.

hawk

 a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a hawk, (2) congressional hawk

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- hawk.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

frost

 a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of frost, (2) frost line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

nourish

 to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

stab

ember

 to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

- (1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.
- a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

synonym: spark, glow, cinder

smoldering ember, (2) red-hot ember
 The warm ember from the fireplace glowed brightly.

weakling

a person or animal that is physically weak or frail;
 someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or
 intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience

synonym: wimp, wuss, doormat

(1) skinny **weakling**, (2) timid **weakling**Despite his early days as a classroom **weakling**, he became

a respected scholar.

fortitude

 mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym: courage, bravery, endurance

and strength.

(1) fortitude in adversity, (2) mental fortitudeShe showed great fortitude in facing her illness with grace

Session 2: Spelling

1. scanty sus____ce

2. s_b in the chest

3. get rid of a pi___e

4. a female ja___r

5. qu____I habitat

6. ob___an rock

7. a r_g of cloud

8. potted ca s

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

 a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

n. a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala

n. a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability

 a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

 a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

ANSWERS: 1. sustenance, 2. stab, 3. pimple, 4. jaguar, 5. quetzal, 6. obsidian, 7. rag, 8. cactus

9.	f_r branch	n.	a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
10.	small cas	n.	a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
11.	qul bird	n.	a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
12.	frt line	n.	a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
13.	victory boe	n.	an outdoor fire, typically on a beach or in a park, used for warmth or for burning rubbish
14.	the feathered set god	n.	a large snake
15.	ene the international community	v.	to make someone extremely angry
16.	eme his watercolors	v.	to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
17.	rr for more	<i>v</i> .	to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
18.	perform without heson	n.	the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

ANSWERS: 9. fir, 10. cactus, 11. quetzal, 12. frost, 13. bonfire, 14. serpent, 15. enrage, 16. emulate, 17. roar, 18. hesitation

19. pi___e treatment

 a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

20. th__n bush

 a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

21. th_n injury

 a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

22. f_r forest

 a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

23. mental fo____de

 mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

24. skinny we____ng

 a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience

25. a piece of ch k

 a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 19. pimple, 20. thorn, 21. thorn, 22. fir, 23. fortitude, 24. weakling, 25. chalk

26.	bln reputation	ν.	to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character
27.	criminal undld	n.	the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
28.	sb at the enemy with a knife	<i>v</i> .	to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
29.	flt my athletic abilities	<i>v</i> .	to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner
30.	eme a successful business model	<i>v</i> .	to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
31.	noung ingredients	adj.	providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
32.	adn the table with flowers	<i>v</i> .	to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
33.	bry against the enemy	n.	courage in the face of danger
34.	swp down the water slide	<i>v</i> .	to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
35.	swp up the escalator	v.	to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
36.	bry under fire	n.	courage in the face of danger

ANSWERS: 26. blacken, 27. underworld, 28. stab, 29. flaunt, 30. emulate, 31. nourishing, 32. adorn, 33. bravery, 34. swoop, 35. swoop, 36. bravery

37.	a wild jar	n.	a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
38.	five degrees of frt	n.	a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
39.	an irint oil slick	adj.	varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
40.	ethnic bloing	n.	the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
41.	a je accessory	n.	a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
42.	cast off a hk	n.	a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
43.	fode in adversity	n.	mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
44.	noh damaged skin	<i>v</i> .	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
45.	Set Bearer	n.	a large snake

ANSWERS: 37. jaguar, 38. frost, 39. iridescent, 40. bloodletting, 41. jade, 42. hawk, 43. fortitude, 44. nourish, 45. serpent

46.	decorated with je	n.	a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
47.	rr with laughter	<i>v</i> .	to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
48.	ene critics	<i>v</i> .	to make someone extremely angry
49.	after some heson	n.	the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
50.	red-hot emr	n.	a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
51.	chk on a blackboard	n.	a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
52.	timid weng	n.	a person or animal that is physically weak or frail; someone who is easily overcome, defeated, or intimidated in situations requiring strength or resilience
53.	noung broth	adj.	providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
54.	susce allowance	n.	food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

ANSWERS: 46. jade, 47. roar, 48. enrage, 49. hesitation, 50. ember, 51. chalk, 52. weakling, 53. nourishing, 54. sustenance

55.	congressional hk	n.	a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
56.	noh hope	ν.	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
57.	oban arrowhead	n.	a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
58.	irint color	adj.	varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
59.	bloing device	n.	the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
60.	smoldering emr	n.	a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
61.	god of the undld	n.	the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
62.	flt success	v.	to display or show off ostentatiously or without shame; to parade or exhibit in a conspicuous or boastful manner
63.	adn a bride	ν.	to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

ANSWERS: 55. hawk, 56. nourish, 57. obsidian, 58. iridescent, 59. bloodletting, 60. ember, 61. underworld, 62. flaunt, 63. adorn

64. r_g doll

 a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

65. bl____n the skillet

v. to make something dark or black; to tarnish or damage someone's reputation or character

66. bo____e party

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

ANSWERS: 64. rag, 65. blacken, 66. bonfire

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	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
2.	The outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.
n.	a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
3.	The news of the betrayal him.
ν.	to make someone extremely angry
4.	The lion loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
ν.	to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
5.	The doctor used leeches for as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.
n.	the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
6.	A regular job is often a spiritual
n.	food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
7.	The mother used her breast milk to the baby.
ν.	to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
8.	The vibrant green and crimson feathers on the were a sight.
n.	a strikingly beautiful bird found in Central and South America, known for its bright green, red, and blue coloration and long, iridescent tail feathers; the monetary unit of Guatemala
	SWERS: 1. bonfire, 2. pimple, 3. enraged, 4. roared, 5. bloodletting, 6. stenance, 7. nourish, 8. quetzal

9.	Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling	materials.
adj	i. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles	
10.	He was many times with scissors.	
<i>v</i> .	to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife	
11.	The warm from the fireplace glowed brightly.	
n.	a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has d spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been co destroyed	
12.	The on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.	
n.	a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls I freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing	oelow
13.	There was a in her speech.	
n.	the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, e because you feel uncertain or nervous	specially
14.	His in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.	
n.	courage in the face of danger	
15.	The sculpture was worth a fortune.	
n.	a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, u making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse	
16.	The in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove	it.
n.	a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something to causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant s	
	SWERS: 9. iridescent, 10. stabbed, 11. ember, 12. frost, 13. hesitation, very, 15. jade, 16. thorn	14.

ANSWERS: 17. serpent's, 18. fir, 19. hawk, 20. weakling, 21. fortitude, 22. nourishing, 23. cactus, 24. emulate

to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as

24. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.

somebody else

ANSWERS: 25. chalk, 26. obsidian, 27. swooped, 28. blackened, 29. jaguar's, 30. rag, 31. flaunt

32.	The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the
	dead.
n.	the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
33. v.	The architect the interior with great artworks and frescoes. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
AN	SWERS: 32. underworld, 33. adorned