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Session 1: Word List

- alto** *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano
(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo
The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.
- freeway** *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
synonym: highway, expressway, motorway
(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**
We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.
- disparity** *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
synonym: difference, inequality, gap
(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**
There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

- rot** *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
synonym : perish, decay, corrode
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.
- counterclockwise** *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
synonym : anticlockwise, reversely
(1) move **counterclockwise**, (2) swirl **counterclockwise**
The carousel rotates **counterclockwise** at a slow pace.
- hemisphere** *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**
This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.
- campfire** *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit
(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**
We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.
- nerd** *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
synonym : geek, techie, wonk
(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.
- smokestack** *n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
synonym : chimney, stack, flue
(1) **smokestack** emissions, (2) industrial **smokestack**

The **smokestack** on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

cardinal

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

synonym: bishop, archbishop, carmine

(1) **cardinal** rule, (2) **cardinal** red

The **cardinal's** robes were made of rich red silk.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in

red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

hoe

n. a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle

(1) garden **hoe**, (2) weeding **hoe**

She purchased a **hoe** and a sickle for a backyard vegetable

garden.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym : revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym : ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

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.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym : joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an a__o solo *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
2. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
3. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
4. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
6. ge_____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
7. garden h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
8. seg_____on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

ANSWERS: 1. alto, 2. disparity, 3. nerd, 4. opportune, 5. disperse, 6. gentrify, 7. hoe, 8. segregation

9. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
10. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
11. ca_____al rule *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
12. smo_____ck emissions *n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
13. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
14. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
15. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
16. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
17. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. philanthropy, 10. campfire, 11. cardinal, 12. smokestack, 13. nerd, 14. sinister, 15. artifact, 16. artifact, 17. opportune

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| 18. northern hem_____re | <i>n.</i> half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere |
| 19. swirl cou_____ise | <i>adv.</i> in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow |
| 20. ep_____er magnitude | <i>n.</i> the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake |
| 21. pr_____cy fulfillment | <i>n.</i> a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader |
| 22. ant_____ogy of religion | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 23. re_____e level | <i>n.</i> a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone |
| 24. the di_____ty between theory and reality | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things |
| 25. cerebral hem_____re | <i>n.</i> half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere |
| 26. re_____e speed | <i>n.</i> a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone |
| 27. begin to r_t | <i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |

ANSWERS: 18. hemisphere, 19. counterclockwise, 20. epicenter, 21. prophecy, 22. anthropology, 23. redline, 24. disparity, 25. hemisphere, 26. redline, 27. rot

28. a__o saxophone *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
29. unpre__ed for the exam *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
30. expanded fr__y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
31. weeding h_e *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
32. have no pu__ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
33. ge__fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
34. pr__cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
35. roast marshmallows around the ca__re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

ANSWERS: 28. alto, 29. unprepared, 30. freeway, 31. hoe, 32. punchline, 33. gentrify, 34. prophecy, 35. campfire

36. move cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
37. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
38. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
39. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
40. racial seg_____on *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
41. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
42. unpre_____ed speech *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
43. ca_____al red *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
44. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

ANSWERS: 36. counterclockwise, 37. philanthropy, 38. sinister, 39. disperse, 40. segregation, 41. anthropology, 42. unprepared, 43. cardinal, 44. epicenter

45. the final pu_____ne
- n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
46. r_t with age
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
47. industrial smo_____ck
- n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
48. fr_____y exit
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 45. punchline, 46. rot, 47. smokestack, 48. freeway

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
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2. The neighborhood was affected by a _____ drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.
n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
3. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
4. The _____ on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.
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6. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
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ANSWERS: 1. philanthropy, 2. redline, 3. epicenter, 4. smokestack, 5. hemisphere, 6. gentrify, 7. nerd

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10. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.

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11. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.

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12. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

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13. She purchased a _____ and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.

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15. _____ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

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ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. sinister, 10. campfire, 11. disparity, 12. rot, 13. hoe, 14. alto, 15. Segregation

16. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

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18. The carousel rotates _____ at a slow pace.

- adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

19. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

20. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

21. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.

- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

22. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 16. prophecy, 17. cardinal's, 18. counterclockwise, 19. artifacts, 20. dispersed, 21. freeway, 22. anthropology

23. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

24. The _____ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

ANSWERS: 23. punchline, 24. unprepared