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Session 1: Word List

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n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

synonym: blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the siege.

duel

formal, one-on-one combat between two people,
 typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym: contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym: sly, crafty, tricky

(1) cunning plan, (2) cunning thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

archaeology

 the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures (1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

a skeptical attitude, (2) skeptical scientists
 His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly skeptical.

bygone

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

synonym: past, former, old-fashioned

bygone civilization, (2) bygone traditions
 The historian studied the bygone era with great detail.

heroic

 adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

superhuman

- adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capabilitysynonym: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human
- (1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

disbeliever

 a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever** Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

diplomat

 a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied diplomat, (2) expel a diplomat

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

encampment

 a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym: campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

hilltop

- n. the top of a hill, rather than its sloping sides
- synonym: peak, apex
- (1) a windy **hilltop**, (2) **hilltop** residence

We looked down on the large wetland from the hilltop.

topographical

adj. relating to the arrangement or physical features of a geographical area or terrain; relating to the detailed description or mapping of the physical features of a location

synonym: terrain, geographic, landform

(1) **topographical** data, (2) **topographical** survey

The **topographical** map of the region revealed the rugged terrain we would face on the hike.

mound

 a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym: hill, knoll, rise

(1) mound of dirt, (2) burial mound

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

fortress

 a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym: castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) fortress wall, (2) military fortress

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

farmland

- n. land used for farming or agricultural purposessynonym: agriculture, cropland
- (1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

forestall

 to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something

synonym: prevent, hinder, obstruct

(1) **forestall** disaster, (2) **forestall** a negative outcome She wanted to **forestall** any potential issues by planning and taking proactive measures.

excavation

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

synonym: digging, mining, unearthing

(1) fossil excavation, (2) excavation work

The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

germ

 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.

excavate

- v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something synonym: dig, unearth, extract
- (1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

 The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

trench

 a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym: aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea trench, (2) trench excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym: stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) hoard my possessions, (2) plutonium hoardThey hoarded a common secret instead of sharing it.

artifact

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

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

paleolithic artifacts, (2) Peruvian artifacts
 The museum has a vast collection of Greek artifacts.

metalwork

 the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques

synonym: metalcraft, metal fabrication

(1) ornamental **metalwork**, (2) custom **metalwork**The artist's **metalwork** sculptures were on display at the museum.

diadem

 a jeweled crown or headband worn as a symbol of royalty or high social status; any ornamental band or headpiece worn around the head

synonym: crown, tiara, coronet

(1) diadem tiara, (2) golden diadem

The queen was crowned with a beautiful **diadem** on her coronation day.

creditor

- n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
- (1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor** I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top
synonym: upon, onto

stand atop, (2) sit atop a stack of books
 The eagle perched atop the tallest tree in the forest.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) ravage a country, (2) ravage the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym: narrows, channel, passage

(1) strait passage, (2) strait channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

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formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admirationsynonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

hector

- v. to intimidate or bully someone synonym: intimidate, bulldoze, bully
- (1) **hector** people, (2) **hector** them into shaking hands He was known for **hectoring** his employees and making them work long hours.

bury

- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb synonym: entomb, sink, forget
- (1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex____te soil

2. custom me____rk

3. st___t passage

4. military fo____ss

5. by___e traditions

6. burial mo d

7. a g_m-free environment

8. ex te a deep hole

- v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
- the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques

a narrow stretch of water or sea
 connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

 a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

 a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

 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

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

ANSWERS: 1. excavate, 2. metalwork, 3. strait, 4. fortress, 5. bygone, 6. mound, 7. germ, 8. excavate

9.	temporary encnt	n.	a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
10.	lay sie to his house	n.	the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
11.	fossil excon	n.	the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
12.	foss wall	n.	a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
13.	excon work	n.	the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
14.	the institute of arcgy	n.	the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
15.	unr a potential problem	<i>v</i> .	to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
16.	foIl disaster	ν.	to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something

ANSWERS: 9. encampment, 10. siege, 11. excavation, 12. fortress, 13. excavation, 14. archaeology, 15. uncover, 16. forestall

17.	prehistoric arcgy	n.	the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
18.	foy an immune system	<i>v</i> .	to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
19.	fertile fand	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
20.	persuade a diser	n.	a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
21.	plutonium hod	<i>v</i> .	to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
22.	sit ap a stack of books	adv.	on, to, or at the top
23.	bankrupt cror	n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
24.	hec explorers	adj.	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
25.	forle competitor	adj.	causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
26.	supan effort	adj.	possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
27.	military encnt	n.	a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

ANSWERS: 17. archaeology, 18. fortify, 19. farmland, 20. disbeliever, 21. hoard, 22. atop, 23. creditor, 24. heroic, 25. formidable, 26. superhuman, 27. encampment

to place a dead body in the ground, 28. b y in the earth ν. grave, or tomb 29. golden di___m a jeweled crown or headband worn as a n. symbol of royalty or high social status; any ornamental band or headpiece worn around the head 30. the cr____or's claims a person, company, etc. to whom a n. debtor owes money 31. he r people to intimidate or bully someone 32. top____cal survey adj. relating to the arrangement or physical features of a geographical area or terrain; relating to the detailed description or mapping of the physical features of a location 33. un___r the truth to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden to place a dead body in the ground, 34. b y emotion grave, or tomb 35. stand a p adv. on, to, or at the top 36. di m tiara a jeweled crown or headband worn as a symbol of royalty or high social status; any ornamental band or headpiece worn around the head 37. by e civilization adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period 38. fo_____II a negative outcome to prevent or obstruct something from ν. happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something

ANSWERS: 28. bury, 29. diadem, 30. creditor, 31. hector, 32. topographical, 33. uncover, 34. bury, 35. atop, 36. diadem, 37. bygone, 38. forestall

39.	paleolithic arcts	n.	a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
40.	stt channel	n.	a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
41.	rae the brain	<i>v</i> .	to cause damage to something badly
42.	foy a building	v.	to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
43.	Peruvian arcts	n.	a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
44.	cug thief	adj.	clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
45.	ornamental merk	n.	the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques
46.	antibiotic-resistant gm	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
47.	fand acreage	n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
48.	hip residence	n.	the top of a hill, rather than its sloping sides
49.	rae a country	<i>v</i> .	to cause damage to something badly

ANSWERS: 39. artifact, 40. strait, 41. ravage, 42. fortify, 43. artifact, 44. cunning, 45. metalwork, 46. germ, 47. farmland, 48. hilltop, 49. ravage

50.	deep-sea trh	n.	a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
51.	topcal data	adj.	relating to the arrangement or physical features of a geographical area or terrain; relating to the detailed description or mapping of the physical features of a location
52.	expel a diat	n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
53.	sword dl	n.	formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
54.	a skal attitude	adj.	doubting that something is accurate or useful
55.	a windy hip	n.	the top of a hill, rather than its sloping sides
56.	skal scientists	adj.	doubting that something is accurate or useful
57.	supan beings	adj.	possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
58.	her them into shaking hands	v.	to intimidate or bully someone

ANSWERS: 50. trench, 51. topographical, 52. diplomat, 53. duel, 54. skeptical, 55. hilltop, 56. skeptical, 57. superhuman, 58. hector

59. trh excavator	n.	a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
60. hostage sie	n.	the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
61. allied diat	n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
62. dl for honor	n.	formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
63. cug plan	adj.	clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
64. a hec poem	adj.	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
65. mod of dirt	n.	a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
66. stubborn diser	n.	a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 59. trench, 60. siege, 61. diplomat, 62. duel, 63. cunning, 64. heroic, 65. mound, 66. disbeliever

67. ho__d my possessions

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

68. for____le challenge

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe;difficult to deal with or overcome;capable of inspiring respect oradmiration

ANSWERS: 67. hoard, 68. formidable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The historian studied the era with great detail.
adj	i. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
2. n.	The of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
3.	The government is encouraging farmers to expand their to increase food production.
n.	land used for farming or agricultural purposes
4.	She wanted to any potential issues by planning and taking proactive measures.
<i>v</i> .	to prevent or obstruct something from happening; to anticipate and take action to prevent or prepare for something
5.	There is plenty of space to everyone.
<i>v</i> .	to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
6.	The queen was crowned with a beautiful on her coronation day.
n.	a jeweled crown or headband worn as a symbol of royalty or high social status any ornamental band or headpiece worn around the head
7.	The ship navigated through the with great care.
n.	a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
8.	I asked the lawyer to initiate negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n.	a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
	SWERS: 1. bygone, 2. encampment, 3. farmland, 4. forestall, 5. bury, 6. diadem, strait, 8. creditor

ANSWERS: 9. excavated, 10. archaeology, 11. trench, 12. hilltop, 13. duel, 14. germ, 15. hoarded, 16. fortify

17. 7	Γhe team discovered a hidden in the desert.
n.	a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
	The senior worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the wo countries.
n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
19. 7	The eagle perched the tallest tree in the forest.
adv.	on, to, or at the top
20. F	He was known for his employees and making them work long hours.
<i>v</i> .	to intimidate or bully someone
21. 7	The artist's sculptures were on display at the museum.
n.	the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques
22. 7	The mountain range was a obstacle for the hikers.
adj.	causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
	The map of the region revealed the rugged terrain we would ace on the hike.
adj.	relating to the arrangement or physical features of a geographical area or terrain; relating to the detailed description or mapping of the physical features of a location
	WERS: 17. mound, 18. diplomat, 19. atop, 20. hectoring, 21. metalwork, 22. idable, 23. topographical

24.	The museum has a vast collection of Greek
n.	a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
25.	Despite the evidence, she remained a in the theory of evolution.
n.	a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
26.	A large fire the forest.
<i>v</i> .	to cause damage to something badly
27.	The fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.
adj	clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
28.	The actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj	courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
29.	His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly
adj	doubting that something is accurate or useful
30.	The athlete's strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.
adj	possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
31.	People began storing up food and supplies for the
n.	the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
32.	The archaeological of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.
n.	the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
	SWERS: 24. artifacts, 25. disbeliever, 26. ravaged, 27. cunning, 28. heroic, 29. ptical, 30. superhuman, 31. siege, 32. excavation

33. He continued his investigation and soon another crime.	

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

34. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

 a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

ANSWERS: 33. uncovered, 34. fortress