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Session 1: Word List

Norman

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

synonym : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

landmass

n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

synonym :

continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history;
no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistoric** findings.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

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.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

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.

gracile

adj. slender or delicate in form or build; refined or elegantly slender in appearance

synonym : slender, delicate, fragile

(1) **gracile** appearance, (2) move in a **gracile** manner

The plant's **gracile** stems and leaves made it vulnerable to strong winds.

slender

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

synonym : lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

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.

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.

wisp

n. a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

synonym : strand, thread, filament

(1) a **wisp** of mist, (2) a **wisp** of conversation

The **wisp** of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

archaeology

n. 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.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

horde

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym: crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers

The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

isle

n. a small island, especially one in the sea

synonym: island, atoll, cay

(1) **isle** of paradise, (2) tiny **isle**

I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful **isle** with pristine beaches.

neolithic

adj. (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools

synonym: ancient, old, primitive

(1) the **neolithic** age, (2) **neolithic** society

The **neolithic** village was located near a river.

smear

v. to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one

synonym: smudge, spread, daub

(1) **smear** butter on bread, (2) **smear** of blood

The politician tried to **smear** his opponent's reputation with false accusations.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
2. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
3. sm__r butter on bread *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one
4. a w__p of conversation *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
5. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
6. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. a w__p of mist *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

ANSWERS: 1. prehistoric, 2. disappoint, 3. smear, 4. wisp, 5. congratulation, 6. opportune, 7. wisp

8. mi____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
9. the ho__e of shoppers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
10. ne_____ic society *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
11. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
12. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
13. large la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
14. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
15. i__e of paradise *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
16. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

ANSWERS: 8. migrant, 9. horde, 10. neolithic, 11. disappoint, 12. reconstruct, 13. landmass, 14. congratulation, 15. isle, 16. crunch

17. the movement of mi____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
18. rec____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
19. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
20. Ar____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
21. gr____e appearance *adj.* slender or delicate in form or build; refined or elegantly slender in appearance
22. a long sl____r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
23. sm__r of blood *v.* to spread or apply a substance thinly and unevenly over a surface; to slander or accuse someone falsely; (noun) a mark or blot made by smudging, typically a dirty or greasy one
24. sound very te____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
25. 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
26. move in a gr____e manner *adj.* slender or delicate in form or build; refined or elegantly slender in appearance

ANSWERS: 17. migrant, 18. reconstruct, 19. gorge, 20. Arthurian, 21. gracile, 22. slender, 23. smear, 24. tempting, 25. excavate, 26. gracile

27. the ne_____ic age *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
28. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
29. no___n invasion *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
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31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. sq___h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

ANSWERS: 27. neolithic, 28. archaeology, 29. Norman, 30. Norman, 31. opportune, 32. squash

33. sl____r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
34. te____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
35. sq____h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
36. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
37. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
38. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
39. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
40. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
41. continental la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
42. ho__e of attackers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
43. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
44. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 33. slender, 34. tempting, 35. squash, 36. archaeology, 37. crunch, 38. gorge, 39. Arthurian, 40. prehistoric, 41. landmass, 42. horde, 43. bury, 44. bury

45. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
46. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
47. tiny i__e *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
48. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

ANSWERS: 45. uncover, 46. uncover, 47. isle, 48. excavate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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7. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.
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ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. archaeology, 3. Arthurian, 4. congratulations, 5. excavated, 6. bury, 7. prehistorical

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