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Session 1: Word List

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

grunge

n. the state of being covered with dirty things; a type of rock music characterized by heavy use of electric guitar, bass, and drums, and often a bleak or rebellious attitude

synonym: dirt, grime, filth

(1) **grunge** wardrobe, (2) **grunge** music

The **grunge** fashion style became popular in the early 1990s.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through

continuous activity or turnover

synonym : stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym : spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym : open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

lathe

n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

synonym: turning machine, spinner, rotary tool

(1) **lathe** operator, (2) engine **lathe**

The metal **lathe** was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.

luthier

n. a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos

synonym: lute maker, stringed instrument maker

(1) boutique **luthier**, (2) **luthier** craftsmanship

I took my broken ukulele to the skilled **luthier**, and he could fix it in no time.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

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.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym : internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

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.

percolate

v. to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

synonym : filter, strain, drip

(1) **percolate** around the web, (2) **percolate** through the whole industry

The coffee slowly **percolated** through the filter and into the cup.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym: collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

2. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

3. lu_____r craftsmanship *n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos

4. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

5. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

6. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

7. engine la__e *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

ANSWERS: 1. churn, 2. colosseum, 3. luthier, 4. elevate, 5. zeitgeist, 6. swell, 7. lathe

8. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
9. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
10. sw___l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
11. boutique lu____r *n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos
12. pe____te around the web *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
13. business in____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
14. musical rep____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
15. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. confer, 9. slogan, 10. swell, 11. luthier, 12. percolate, 13. incubator, 14. repertoire, 15. opportune

16. ha__h a baby chick
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
17. li_____ss potential
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
18. propaganda pa_____et
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
19. re_____ve to change
adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
20. la__e operator
n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
21. 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
22. my_____al heroes
adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
23. in___d peace
adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
24. ha__h a plan
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 16. hatch, 17. limitless, 18. pamphlet, 19. receptive, 20. lathe, 21. gentrify, 22. mythical, 23. inward, 24. hatch

25. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
26. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
27. ch__n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
28. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
29. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
30. gr____e wardrobe *n.* the state of being covered with dirty things; a type of rock music characterized by heavy use of electric guitar, bass, and drums, and often a bleak or rebellious attitude
31. 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

ANSWERS: 25. zeitgeist, 26. incubator, 27. churn, 28. confer, 29. elevate, 30. grunge, 31. gentrify

32. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
33. my____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
34. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
35. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
36. pe_____te through the whole industry *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
37. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
38. in___d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
39. gr___e music *n.* the state of being covered with dirty things; a type of rock music characterized by heavy use of electric guitar, bass, and drums, and often a bleak or rebellious attitude

ANSWERS: 32. slogan, 33. mythical, 34. limitless, 35. pamphlet, 36. percolate, 37. repertoire, 38. inward, 39. grunge

40. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
42. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
43. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
44. Co_____um area *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

ANSWERS: 40. opportune, 41. blueprint, 42. receptive, 43. blueprint, 44. colosseum

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The metal _____ was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.
 - n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

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 - v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

3. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
 - n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

4. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.
 - n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

5. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
 - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

6. The _____ fashion style became popular in the early 1990s.
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ANSWERS: 1. lathe, 2. swelling, 3. repertoire, 4. Colosseum, 5. opportune, 6. grunge

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- v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
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ANSWERS: 7. hatch, 8. elevates, 9. blueprint, 10. zeitgeist, 11. gentrify, 12. receptive, 13. mythical

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- v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

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- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

19. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.

- n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

20. The _____ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

- adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

ANSWERS: 14. churned, 15. incubator, 16. confer, 17. percolated, 18. limitless, 19. pamphlets, 20. inward

21. I took my broken ukulele to the skilled _____ and he could fix it in no time.
- n.* a person who makes or repairs stringed instruments such as violins, guitars, and cellos
22. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 21. luthier, 22. slogans