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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the

1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

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.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

plop

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

synonym: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

swat

v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

synonym : slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

deviant

adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

synonym : abnormal, unconventional, irregular

(1) **deviant** ideas, (2) **deviant** art

His **deviant** behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

bestie

n. a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends

synonym : friend, pal, buddy

(1) **bestie** bond, (2) longtime **bestie**

I love having a loyal and supportive **bestie** like her in my life.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 2. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. pro_____st of drama | <i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories |
| 4. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 5. de_____t ideas | <i>adj.</i> markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected |
| 6. buck and d_e | <i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 7. household an_____d | <i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system |
| 8. fa_____te the public | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 9. fa_____te the young | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 10. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again |

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. opportune, 3. protagonist, 4. determinant, 5. deviant, 6. doe, 7. android, 8. fascinate, 9. fascinate, 10. recreate

11. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
12. S__T operation *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
13. de_____t art *adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
14. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
15. longtime be___e *n.* a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends
16. p__p of water *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
17. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
18. loud p__p *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

ANSWERS: 11. protagonist, 12. swat, 13. deviant, 14. doe, 15. bestie, 16. plop, 17. recreate, 18. plop

19. An____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
20. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
21. courtroom sto____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
22. be___e bond *n.* a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends
23. expertly s__t back the ball *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
24. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
26. sto____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 19. android, 20. mimic, 21. storytelling, 22. bestie, 23. swat, 24. opportune, 25. mimic, 26. storytelling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.
adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
2. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
3. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
4. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
5. The ball fell into the water with a _____.
n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
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ANSWERS: 1. deviant, 2. fascinated, 3. protagonist's, 4. recreated, 5. plop, 6. doe, 7. determinant, 8. storytelling

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- v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

ANSWERS: 9. bestie, 10. opportune, 11. mimic, 12. android, 13. swat