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Session 1: Word List

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

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.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym : whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

Christendom

n. the Christian world considered a collective body
synonym : Christianity

(1) Eastern **Christendom**, (2) the principal church of **Christendom**

The medieval concept of **Christendom** strongly influenced the time's political, social, and cultural developments.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

buttock

n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

synonym : cheek, rear end, behind

(1) **buttock** muscles, (2) painful **buttock**

I fell and bruised my **buttock** on the hard pavement.

stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

synonym : hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

comrade

n. a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

synonym: ally, friend, mate

(1) **comrade** in arms, (2) trusted **comrade**

We worked together as **comrades** to finish the project on time.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in

public.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

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.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym :

advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice
The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

etiquette

n. a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts

synonym: protocol, manners, decorum

(1) email **etiquette**, (2) breach of **etiquette**

It's important to follow proper **etiquette** when attending a formal dinner.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

quell

v. to put an end to or suppress something, often a disturbance, rebellion, or emotion; to calm or quiet down

synonym: suppress, subdue, silence

(1) **quell** a rebellion, (2) **quell** a disturbance

I tried my best to **quell** his anger and ease the tension in the room.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

excursion

n. a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior

synonym:

outing, trip, expedition

(1) **excursion** package, (2) weekend **excursion**

We went on an exciting **excursion** to explore the ancient ruins of a lost civilization.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym: rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

tumult

n. a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

synonym: commotion, disturbance, upheaval

(1) **tumult** of voices, (2) in the midst of the **tumult**

The political turmoil caused great **tumult** in the country.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a memory of an eye_____ss | <i>n.</i> someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened |
| 2. se__e the day | <i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something |
| 3. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 4. painful bu_____k | <i>n.</i> either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal |
| 5. st__h gems in a safe | <i>v.</i> to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use |
| 6. eye_____ss report | <i>n.</i> someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened |
| 7. as___d the ladder | <i>v.</i> to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power |
| 8. historical re__c | <i>n.</i> an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value |
| 9. ki_____p ties | <i>n.</i> the state or fact of being related to someone |

ANSWERS: 1. eyewitness, 2. seize, 3. intellect, 4. buttock, 5. stash, 6. eyewitness, 7. ascend, 8. relic, 9. kinship

10. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
11. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
12. Eastern Chr____om *n.* the Christian world considered a collective body
13. qu__l a rebellion *v.* to put an end to or suppress something, often a disturbance, rebellion, or emotion; to calm or quiet down
14. pa____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
15. no__n cathedral *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
16. re____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
17. pa____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
18. re__t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
19. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 10. stab, 11. emperor, 12. Christendom, 13. quell, 14. palatable, 15. Norman, 16. recount, 17. palatable, 18. revolt, 19. intellect

20. weekend ex_____on *n.* a short trip or outing, often for leisure or educational purposes, sometimes organized by a group or institution; a deviation or departure from a usual or regular course of action or behavior
21. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
22. the principal church of Chr_____om *n.* the Christian world considered a collective body
23. anti-corruption cr_____er *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
24. st__h your phone *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
25. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
26. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
27. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
28. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
29. trusted co_____e *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective

ANSWERS: 20. excursion, 21. portray, 22. Christendom, 23. crusader, 24. stash, 25. stab, 26. uneasy, 27. veil, 28. embarrass, 29. comrade

30. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
31. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
32. breach of et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
33. a cr_____er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
34. tu___t of voices *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
35. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
36. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
37. in the midst of the tu___t *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
38. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 30. ascend, 31. seize, 32. etiquette, 33. crusader, 34. tumult, 35. embarrass, 36. byzantine, 37. tumult, 38. medicinal

39. ho__e of attackers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
40. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
41. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
42. By____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
43. qu__l a disturbance *v.* to put an end to or suppress something, often a disturbance, rebellion, or emotion; to calm or quiet down
44. co____e in arms *n.* a close associate, friend, or companion, especially one who shares one's interests, beliefs, or political convictions; a fellow member of an organization, especially a military or political group, who shares a common cause or objective
45. re___t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
46. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
47. re____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
48. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 39. horde, 40. veil, 41. relic, 42. byzantine, 43. quell, 44. comrade, 45. revolt, 46. emperor, 47. recount, 48. portray

49. 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
50. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
51. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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57. email et_____te *n.* a set of rules and norms governing polite and proper behavior in social situations or professional contexts
58. bu_____k muscles *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

ANSWERS: 49. Norman, 50. slay, 51. medicinal, 52. horde, 53. uneasy, 54. slay, 55. excursion, 56. kinship, 57. etiquette, 58. buttock

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I fell and bruised my _____ on the hard pavement.
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2. He _____ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.
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3. The _____ Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.
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ANSWERS: 15. ascend, 16. veil, 17. excursion, 18. revolt, 19. portray, 20. horde, 21. stabbed, 22. Emperor

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adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

24. The political turmoil caused great _____ in the country.

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