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Session 1: Word List

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

cusp

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

telegram

n. a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

synonym : wire, message, cablegram

(1) **telegram** service, (2) a congratulatory **telegram**

He sent a **telegram** to let his family know he was safe.

outpouring

n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

synonym : outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

arcane

adj. mysterious or known only by a select few

synonym : mysterious, obscure, hidden

(1) **arcane** knowledge, (2) **arcane** subject

The **arcane** rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

oversupply

n. an excess of supply or too much of a particular item or product

synonym: overabundance, surplus, glut

(1) **oversupply** of goods, (2) **oversupply** of housing

Due to **oversupply**, the price of oil has significantly decreased.

foundry

n. a factory or workshop where metal castings are produced, often using a furnace or molten metal

synonym: metalworks, forge

(1) **foundry** industry, (2) **foundry** equipment

The **foundry's** castings undergo rigorous testing to ensure they meet quality standards.

sharecropper

n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

synonym: tenant farmer, cropper, farmer

(1) **sharecropper** system, (2) **sharecropper** labor

Many **sharecroppers** in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym : lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from

Ireland in the 1800s.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

fallow

adj. describing land that is unplanted or uncultivated; describing a period of rest or inactivity, particularly about land being left to rest

synonym: uncultivated, dormant, idle

(1) **fallow** period, (2) **fallow** ground

The **fallow** field was left unplanted to allow the soil to regain nutrients.

alto

n. the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo

The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

saxophone

n. a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone

synonym: sax, sopranino, alto

(1) **saxophone** player, (2) **saxophone** music

The **saxophone** solo was the highlight of the concert.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym: announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the neighboring country.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. escape from ca_____ty | <i>n.</i> the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from |
| 2. self-ema_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 3. sa_____ne music | <i>n.</i> a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone |
| 4. go through hea_____ak | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 5. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 6. te_____am service | <i>n.</i> a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications |
| 7. fo_____y industry | <i>n.</i> a factory or workshop where metal castings are produced, often using a furnace or molten metal |
| 8. fa____w ground | <i>adj.</i> describing land that is unplanted or uncultivated; describing a period of rest or inactivity, particularly about land being left to rest |
| 9. a car-wr____t | <i>n.</i> a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal |

ANSWERS: 1. captivity, 2. emancipation, 3. saxophone, 4. heartbreak, 5. grandchild, 6. telegram, 7. foundry, 8. fallow, 9. wright

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| 10. ly__h him to death | v. | to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance |
| 11. men often pr_____e women when walking | v. | to happen or go before something or someone in time or space |
| 12. co_____om trial | n. | a room in which a court of law is held |
| 13. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo | n. | the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from |
| 14. re_____e my thoughts | v. | to change the form or structure of something |
| 15. ove_____ly of housing | n. | an excess of supply or too much of a particular item or product |
| 16. ease her hea_____ak | n. | a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 17. person of gra_____nt age | n. | a parent of one's father or mother |
| 18. en_____e poor peasants | v. | to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 19. m__k lifestyle | n. | a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 20. cloistered m__k | n. | a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |

ANSWERS: 10. lynch, 11. precede, 12. courtroom, 13. captivity, 14. reshape, 15. oversupply, 16. heartbreak, 17. grandparent, 18. enslave, 19. monk, 20. monk

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| 21. nullify a pro_____ion | <i>n.</i> an official announcement or statement |
| 22. en_____e indigenous people | <i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 23. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre | <i>n.</i> a person who writes plays |
| 24. ar_____e knowledge | <i>adj.</i> mysterious or known only by a select few |
| 25. co_____om drama | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 26. history of ema_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 27. sa_____ne player | <i>n.</i> a musical instrument of the woodwind family with a single-reed mouthpiece and a curved metal or brass body; known for its mellow and smooth tone |
| 28. sha_____per system | <i>n.</i> a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced |
| 29. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 30. an a__o solo | <i>n.</i> the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone |
| 31. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 32. sha_____per labor | <i>n.</i> a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced |

ANSWERS: 21. proclamation, 22. enslave, 23. playwright, 24. arcane, 25. courtroom, 26. emancipation, 27. saxophone, 28. sharecropper, 29. ancestor, 30. alto, 31. sibling, 32. sharecropper

33. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
34. fo____y equipment *n.* a factory or workshop where metal castings are produced, often using a furnace or molten metal
35. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
36. se____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
37. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
38. artistic out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
39. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
40. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
41. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 33. peril, 34. foundry, 35. proclamation, 36. secondly, 37. grandchild, 38. outpouring, 39. segregate, 40. secondly, 41. lynch

42. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
43. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
44. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
45. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
46. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
47. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
48. pr_____e any discussion *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
49. ove_____ly of goods *n.* an excess of supply or too much of a particular item or product
50. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
51. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
52. emotional out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

ANSWERS: 42. wright, 43. playwright, 44. segregate, 45. laureate, 46. grandparent, 47. cusp, 48. precede, 49. oversupply, 50. ancestor, 51. caste, 52. outpouring

53. a congratulatory te_____am *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
54. ar____e subject *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
55. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
56. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
57. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
58. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
59. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
60. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
61. a__o saxophone *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

ANSWERS: 53. telegram, 54. arcane, 55. laureate, 56. poach, 57. sibling, 58. peril, 59. cusp, 60. reshape, 61. alto

62. ca__e-based discrimination

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

63. po__h on his land

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

64. fa___w period

adj. describing land that is unplanted or uncultivated; describing a period of rest or inactivity, particularly about land being left to rest

ANSWERS: 62. caste, 63. poach, 64. fallow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
 - n.* a room in which a court of law is held

2. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
 - n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

3. Her beauty _____ me completely.
 - v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

4. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
 - n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

5. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
 - n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

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30. The _____ rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.
adj. mysterious or known only by a select few

ANSWERS: 23. playwright's, 24. grandparents, 25. telegram, 26. saxophone, 27. siblings, 28. precedes, 29. alto, 30. arcane

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