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Session 1: Word List

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

twang

v. to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice

synonym: resonate, vibrate

(1) **twang** guitar, (2) **twang** accents

The guitarist's fingers **twanged** the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.

visage

n. the face or facial expression of a person

synonym: countenance, expression, aspect

(1) a stern **visage**, (2) a **visage** of grim assurance

Her noble **visage** was calm and composed, even in danger.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym: celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

whitewash

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

synonym: cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his

involvement in the controversial project.

frolic

v. to play and move around happily and energetically
synonym : play, romp, gambol

(1) **frolic** underwater, (2) **frolic** with friends

Children **frolicked** in the park on a sunny day.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees
synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

shin

n. the front part of the leg below the knee
synonym : tibia, lower leg, front leg

(1) **shin** guard, (2) **shin** injury

The pain in his **shin** made it hard for him to walk.

dusk

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
synonym : twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

paraffin

n. a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin
synonym : wax, fuel, oil

(1) **paraffin** candle, (2) **paraffin-based** product

She dipped her hands in warm **paraffin** for a luxurious hand

treatment.

centipede

n. a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects

synonym: hundred-legger, myriapod, arthropod

(1) the venom of a **centipede**, (2) tropical **centipede**

I saw a **centipede** crawling across my bedroom floor, which gave me chills.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

indigenize

v. to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment

synonym: localize, nativize

(1) **indigenize** education, (2) **indigenize** language

The community center seeks to **indigenize** its programs and services to serve Indigenous peoples better.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

caftan

n. (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress

(1) flowy **caftan**, (2) silk **caftan**

She wore a beautiful **caftan** for the beach party, reflecting her vibrant personality.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

traipse

v. to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction

synonym: wander, roam, meander

(1) **traipse** around town, (2) **traipse** through the woods

I decided to **traipse** through the muddy field to get a better view of the sunset.

contort

v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

synonym: deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

firewood

n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

synonym: fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

shindig

n. an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment

synonym: party, bash, gathering

(1) casual **shindig**, (2) attend a **shindig**

We're throwing a big **shindig** to celebrate our anniversary.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym: engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym: horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym: enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace
She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ri____le at his expense | <i>n.</i> speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way |
| 2. pa____in-based product | <i>n.</i> a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin |
| 3. an o_l hooted | <i>n.</i> a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call |
| 4. c__d in armor | <i>adj.</i> dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance |
| 5. c__p wood | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife |
| 6. tr____e through the woods | <i>v.</i> to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction |
| 7. fr___c underwater | <i>v.</i> to play and move around happily and energetically |
| 8. ind____ze language | <i>v.</i> to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment |

ANSWERS: 1. ridicule, 2. paraffin, 3. owl, 4. clad, 5. chop, 6. traipse, 7. frolic, 8. indigenize

9. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
10. fr___c with friends *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
11. male do___y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
12. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
13. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
14. s__n injury *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
15. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
16. co_____t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
17. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 9. transgender, 10. frolic, 11. donkey, 12. dusk, 13. superstar, 14. shin, 15. etch, 16. contort, 17. ridicule

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| 18. kn__l down and worship | v. | to rest on someone's knee or knees |
| 19. pr_____ss work of art | adj. | extremely valuable or important |
| 20. kn__l in protest | v. | to rest on someone's knee or knees |
| 21. stacks of fi_____od | n. | wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes |
| 22. a s__m battle | n. | something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 23. tr_____e around town | v. | to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction |
| 24. chop fi_____od | n. | wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes |
| 25. a night o_l | n. | a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call |
| 26. wh_____sh paint | n. | a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events |
| 27. sh__g his shoulders sadly | v. | to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested |
| 28. d__k sky | n. | the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight |

ANSWERS: 18. kneel, 19. priceless, 20. kneel, 21. firewood, 22. sham, 23. traipse, 24. firewood, 25. owl, 26. whitewash, 27. shrug, 28. dusk

29. an in_____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
30. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
31. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
32. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
33. tw__g guitar *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
34. casual sh_____g *n.* an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment
35. tropical ce_____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects
36. flowy ca____n *n.* (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress

ANSWERS: 29. indelible, 30. intrigue, 31. clad, 32. fable, 33. twang, 34. shindig, 35. centipede, 36. caftan

37. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
38. ro____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
39. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
40. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
41. tw__g accents *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
42. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
43. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
44. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
45. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 37. donkey, 38. rooftop, 39. transgender, 40. shrug, 41. twang, 42. villager, 43. priceless, 44. chop, 45. sham

46. pa_____in candle *n.* a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin
47. ind_____ze education *v.* to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment
48. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
49. attend a sh_____g *n.* an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment
50. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
51. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
52. a stern vi_____e *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
53. silk ca_____n *n.* (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress
54. a vi_____e of grim assurance *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
55. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

ANSWERS: 46. paraffin, 47. indigenize, 48. intrigue, 49. shindig, 50. indelible, 51. superstar, 52. visage, 53. caftan, 54. visage, 55. rooftop

56. the venom of a ce_____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects
57. co_____t my limbs *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
58. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
59. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
60. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
61. s__n guard *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
62. academic wh_____sh *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

ANSWERS: 56. centipede, 57. contort, 58. villager, 59. etch, 60. fable, 61. shin, 62. whitewash

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.
 - n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

2. The guitarist's fingers _____ the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.
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7. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
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