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## Session 1: Word List

### antiquity

*n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

*synonym* : ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

### 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.

### invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym* : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

### formidable

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym* : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor  
The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

## adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

*synonym*: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

## depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym*: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## cyclops

*n.* in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point

*synonym*:

one-eyed giant, monster

(1) the lighthouse, a **cyclops** of the sea, (2) mythical

**cyclops**

The artist's sculpture was a modern take on the ancient **cyclops** myth.

**centaur**

*n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

*synonym* : half-human, half-horse

(1) **centaur** costume, (2) **centaur** imagery

There are various theories about the origin of the **centaur** myth.

**writ**

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

**platonic**

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

*synonym* : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

**nomadic**

*adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

*synonym* : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

**archery**

*n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target

*synonym* : bow and arrow, marksmanship

(1) practice **archery**, (2) **archery** equipment

The **archery** tournament attracted contestants from all over

the country.

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully  
*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## 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.

## archer

*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

*synonym*: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

## amaze

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## exaggerate

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym*: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym* : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## portrayal

*n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

*synonym* : depiction, representation, characterization

(1) **portrayal** representation, (2) accurate **portrayal**

Critics praised her **portrayal** of the character.

## wield

*v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

*synonym* : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

## trousers

*n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

*synonym* : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

## nomad

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

*synonym* : wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

## mound

*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

*synonym* : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym* : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## rib

*n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

*synonym* : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

## fearsome

*adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

## 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.

## heroic

*adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

*synonym*: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

## arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

*synonym*: excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

## egalitarian

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

*synonym*: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. am__e and entertain visitors | v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration  |
| 2. no____c herdsmen             | <i>adj.</i> moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time                               |
| 3. issue a w__t                 | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command   |
| 4. no____c life                 | <i>adj.</i> moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time                               |
| 5. de___t a scene               | v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph  |
| 6. unrecorded an____ty          | <i>n.</i> the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization  |
| 7. a he___c poem                | <i>adj.</i> courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring |
| 8. am__e everyone               | v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration  |
| 9. pl____ic love                | <i>adj.</i> (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual   |
| 10. he___c explorers            | <i>adj.</i> courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring |
| 11. ter____ng experience        | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating   |

ANSWERS: 1. amaze, 2. nomadic, 3. writ, 4. nomadic, 5. depict, 6. antiquity, 7. heroic, 8. amaze, 9. platonic, 10. heroic, 11. terrifying



12. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
13. mythical cy\_\_\_\_s *n.* in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point
14. re\_\_\_\_t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
15. work tr\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
16. accurate po\_\_\_\_al *n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama
17. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
18. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
19. remote an\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
20. ter\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
21. ce\_\_\_\_r costume *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
22. po\_\_\_\_al representation *n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

ANSWERS: 12. daring, 13. cyclops, 14. recount, 15. trousers, 16. portrayal, 17. ancestor, 18. ancestor, 19. antiquity, 20. terrifying, 21. centaur, 22. portrayal

23. ar\_\_\_e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
24. pl\_\_\_\_ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
25. ar\_\_\_\_y equipment *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
26. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
27. exa\_\_\_\_te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
28. fe\_\_\_\_me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
29. po\_\_\_\_y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
30. r\_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
31. ex\_\_\_\_te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
32. ar\_\_\_e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
33. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
34. fl\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 23. arouse, 24. platonic, 25. archery, 26. archaeology, 27. exaggerate, 28. fearsome, 29. portray, 30. rib, 31. excavate, 32. arouse, 33. writ, 34. flourish

35. fe\_\_\_\_me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
36. burial mo\_\_d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
37. mo\_\_d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
38. brake a r\_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
39. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
40. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
41. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
42. accurately po\_\_\_\_y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
43. make a da\_\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
44. ce\_\_\_\_r imagery *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
45. exa\_\_\_\_te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 35. fearsome, 36. mound, 37. mound, 38. rib, 39. doom, 40. doom, 41. bury, 42. portray, 43. daring, 44. centaur, 45. exaggerate

46. ad\_\_n the table with flowers      *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
47. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
48. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
49. ar\_\_\_r's bow      *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
50. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil      *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
51. in\_\_\_e his privacy      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
52. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
53. no\_\_d culture      *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
54. denim tr\_\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

ANSWERS: 46. adorn, 47. rev, 48. archaeology, 49. archer, 50. excavate, 51. invade, 52. rev, 53. nomad, 54. trousers

55. skilled ar\_\_\_r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
56. practice ar\_\_\_\_y *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
57. ru\_\_r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
58. the lighthouse, a cy\_\_\_\_s of the sea *n.* in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point
59. in\_\_\_e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
60. ega\_\_\_\_\_an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
61. ad\_\_n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
62. for\_\_\_\_\_le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
63. ega\_\_\_\_\_an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 55. archer, 56. archery, 57. rumor, 58. cyclops, 59. invade, 60. egalitarian, 61. adorn, 62. formidable, 63. egalitarian

64. for\_\_\_\_\_le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
65. re\_\_\_\_\_t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
66. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
67. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
68. a false ru\_\_r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
69. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
70. wi\_\_d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
71. no\_\_d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
72. de\_\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 64. formidable, 65. recount, 66. flourish, 67. wield, 68. rumor, 69. bury, 70. wield, 71. nomad, 72. depict

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
2. The team discovered a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.  
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3. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. The architect \_\_\_\_\_ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.  
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7. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.  
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ANSWERS: 1. amazed, 2. mound, 3. rev, 4. adorned, 5. heroic, 6. antiquity, 7. doom, 8. formidable

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10. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
11. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
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17. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.  
*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 9. trousers, 10. archaeology, 11. flourished, 12. aroused, 13. portray, 14. terrifying, 15. exaggerated, 16. archery, 17. invade



18. They \_\_\_\_\_ events that have already occurred.

*v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

19. Critics praised her \_\_\_\_\_ of the character.

*n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

20. His relationship with her was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

21. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

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25. The artist's sculpture was a modern take on the ancient \_\_\_\_\_ myth.

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ANSWERS: 18. recount, 19. portrayal, 20. platonic, 21. excavated, 22. fearsome, 23. rumor, 24. egalitarian, 25. cyclops

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27. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
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29. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
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31. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.  
*n.* a written legal order or command
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33. The accident caused a cracked \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 26. nomad, 27. ancestor, 28. archer's, 29. bury, 30. nomadic, 31. writ, 32. daring, 33. rib

34. There are various theories about the origin of the \_\_\_\_\_ myth.

- n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

35. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.

- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

36. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.

- v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 34. centaur, 35. depicted, 36. wielded