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Session 1: Word List

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

crackle

v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

synonym: sizzle, hiss, snap

(1) **crackle** on the gravel road, (2) the **crackle** of the thunder

The firewood **crackled** and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of

neglect and lack of maintenance.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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.

serenity

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

synonym: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

Session 2: Spelling

1. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
2. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
3. com____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
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5. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
6. reh____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
7. a com____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 1. empathy, 2. flourish, 3. compassionate, 4. crackle, 5. aspire, 6. rehabilitate, 7. compassionate

8. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
9. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
10. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
11. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
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ANSWERS: 8. crumble, 9. aspire, 10. inequity, 11. narrator, 12. ripple, 13. serenity, 14. inequity, 15. crackle, 16. rehabilitate

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ANSWERS: 17. crumble, 18. empathy, 19. flourish, 20. narrator, 21. serenity, 22. ripple

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
 - n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

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ANSWERS: 7. inequity, 8. crumble, 9. ripple, 10. compassionate, 11. narrator