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Session 1: Word List

relent

v. to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

synonym : yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

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**.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

picturesque

adj. visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed

synonym: scenic, charming, vivid

(1) **picturesque** scenery, (2) **picturesque** countryside

We took a scenic drive through the countryside and stumbled upon a **picturesque** village.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

awning

n. a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway

synonym : canopy, shade, cover

(1) window **awning**, (2) retractable **awning**

We set up an **awning** outside to provide shade during the summer months.

cleanse

v. to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

synonym: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym: climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

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.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding
That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

ember

n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

synonym: spark, glow, cinder

(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**
The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
synonym: flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle
The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

incandescent

adj. emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

synonym: glowing, radiant, brilliant

(1) **incandescent** emotion, (2) **incandescent** personality
The **incandescent** lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

- fury** *n.* intense and often violent anger
synonym : rage, wrath, ire
(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm
The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- vigorously** *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
synonym : energetically, forcefully, strongly
(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand
He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.
- agility** *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
synonym : nimbleness, quickness, dexterity
(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training
The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to improve their coordination.
- ingenuity** *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
synonym : creativity, invention, originality
(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- chant** *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite
(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel
The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

Session 2: Spelling

1. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
2. a rh____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
3. means to co____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
4. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
5. abound in in____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
6. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
7. re____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
8. ag____y training *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
9. ill____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
10. the as___t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

ANSWERS: 1. scar, 2. rhythmic, 3. conserve, 4. descend, 5. ingenuity, 6. unseen, 7. reconcile, 8. agility, 9. illuminate, 10. ascent

11. pic_____ue countryside *adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed
12. smoldering em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
13. 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
14. ninja-like ag____y *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
15. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
16. red-hot em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
17. window aw____g *n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway

ANSWERS: 11. picturesque, 12. ember, 13. rev, 14. agility, 15. reconcile, 16. ember, 17. awning

18. vig_____ly shake *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
19. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
20. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
21. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
22. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
23. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
24. juice cl_____e *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
25. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
26. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
27. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

ANSWERS: 18. vigorously, 19. harmonious, 20. replenish, 21. fury, 22. obsess, 23. chant, 24. cleanse, 25. whisper, 26. whisper, 27. vibrate

28. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
29. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
30. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
31. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
32. retractable aw____g *n.* a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway
33. fall into se_____ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
34. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
35. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
36. don't re____t until late in the evening *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

ANSWERS: 28. ingenuity, 29. descend, 30. scar, 31. dissolve, 32. awning, 33. serenity, 34. erode, 35. illuminate, 36. relent

37. 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
38. se_____ty prayer *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
39. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
40. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
41. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
42. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
43. spiritual as____t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
44. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
45. pic_____ue scenery *adj.* visually attractive or charming, often in an idealized or rustic way; having qualities that make it pleasing or suitable for being pictured or photographed

ANSWERS: 37. rev, 38. serenity, 39. vibrate, 40. replenish, 41. dissolve, 42. rhythmic, 43. ascent, 44. chant, 45. picturesque

46. re___t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
47. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
48. co____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
49. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
50. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
51. inc____ent emotion *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
52. inc____ent personality *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
53. cl____e the face *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
54. mix vig____ly by hand *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

ANSWERS: 46. relent, 47. fury, 48. conserve, 49. erode, 50. unseen, 51. incandescent, 52. incandescent, 53. cleanse, 54. vigorously

55. fl____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
56. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
57. fl____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
58. har____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 55. flicker, 56. obsess, 57. flicker, 58. harmonious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
2. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.
adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
3. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
v. to fill something that had previously been emptied
4. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
5. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
6. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
7. The new diet is designed to _____ toxins from the body.
v. to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

ANSWERS: 1. descended, 2. rhythmic, 3. replenish, 4. conserve, 5. chant, 6. ingenuity, 7. cleanse

8. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
9. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.
n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
10. He _____ scrubbed the stains on the shirt.
adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
11. The _____ lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.
adj. emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
12. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived
13. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.
v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
14. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
15. We set up an _____ outside to provide shade during the summer months.
n. a sheet or canvas stretched out on a frame and used to provide shade or shelter, particularly over a window, door, or pathway

ANSWERS: 8. reconcile, 9. serenity, 10. vigorously, 11. incandescent, 12. unseen, 13. illuminated, 14. vibrate, 15. awning

16. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
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18. The coach had the team run through the _____ ladder to improve their coordination.
- n. the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
19. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
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20. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
21. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
22. 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

ANSWERS: 16. eroded, 17. picturesque, 18. agility, 19. harmonious, 20. whispered, 21. dissolved, 22. rev

23. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
- n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
24. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
25. The warm _____ from the fireplace glowed brightly.
- n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
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- n.* intense and often violent anger
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ANSWERS: 23. scar, 24. obsessed, 25. ember, 26. fury, 27. relent, 28. flickered, 29. ascent