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Session 1: Word List

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

edible

adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

synonym : esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

weary

adj. feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

synonym : depleted, exhausted, fatigued

(1) a **weary** brain, (2) **weary** expression

He became **weary** of the daily train commute.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

- 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**.
- poisonous** *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly
(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals
Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.
- mythical** *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary
(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world
Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.
- 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.
- Pharaoh** *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**
The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
- porridge** *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
synonym : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

leafy

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

synonym : verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant gardens.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

espresso

n. a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top

synonym : coffee, java, cappuccino

(1) double **espresso**, (2) **espresso** machine
I ordered an **espresso** shot to add to my latte.

tang

n. a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
synonym : flavor, taste, zest

(1) metallic **tang**, (2) the **tang** of a lemon
The **tang** of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**
During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

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.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
synonym : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation
He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

opioid

n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

unfavorable

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

synonym : adverse, negative, hostile

(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews

The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym : phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

covert

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

synonym : secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

perilous

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

synonym : risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

sugary

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

synonym : sweet, syrupy, saccharine

(1) **sugary** treat, (2) excessively **sugary**

I avoid eating **sugary** foods to maintain a healthy diet.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. my____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
2. pe____us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
3. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
4. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
5. op____d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
6. sweet po____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
7. 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
8. we__y expression *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time

ANSWERS: 1. mythical, 2. perilous, 3. disguise, 4. monk, 5. opioid, 6. porridge, 7. rev, 8. weary

9. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
10. member of the ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
11. oat po____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
12. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
13. excessively su____y *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
14. ext____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
15. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
16. the taste of sa____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
17. ed____e vegetables *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
18. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
19. sm____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 9. grind, 10. aristocracy, 11. porridge, 12. creditor, 13. sugary, 14. extravagant, 15. creditor, 16. saltiness, 17. edible, 18. monk, 19. smuggle

20. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
21. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
22. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
23. an op___d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
24. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
25. metallic t__g *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
26. non-ed___e ingredients *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
27. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
28. co___t mission *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
29. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
30. ea_____t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

ANSWERS: 20. archaeology, 21. lucrative, 22. lucrative, 23. opioid, 24. poisonous, 25. tang, 26. edible, 27. roam, 28. covert, 29. emperor, 30. earnest

31. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
32. ea____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
33. le__y suburbs *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
34. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
35. pe_____us journey *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
36. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
37. 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
38. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
39. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 31. chew, 32. earnest, 33. leafy, 34. poisonous, 35. perilous, 36. chew, 37. rev, 38. cede, 39. cede

40. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
41. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
42. unf_____le situation *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
43. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
44. Egyptian Ph_____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
45. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
46. su____y treat *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
47. a we__y brain *adj.* feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially after working hard or doing something for a long time
48. es_____so machine *n.* a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top
49. unf_____le reviews *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

ANSWERS: 40. extravagant, 41. dynasty, 42. unfavorable, 43. addict, 44. Pharaoh, 45. grind, 46. sugary, 47. weary, 48. espresso, 49. unfavorable

50. a young Ph____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
51. the blue-blooded ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
52. le__y canopy *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
53. co____t negotiations *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
54. bo____y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
55. the t__g of a lemon *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
56. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
57. dy____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
58. enhance the sa____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
59. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
60. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
61. my____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

ANSWERS: 50. Pharaoh, 51. aristocracy, 52. leafy, 53. covert, 54. botany, 55. tang, 56. roam, 57. dynasty, 58. saltiness, 59. addict, 60. disguise, 61. mythical

62. double es____so *n.* a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top
63. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
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65. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
66. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 62. espresso, 63. archaeology, 64. botany, 65. emperor, 66. smuggle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wedding was an _____ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
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