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Session 1: Word List

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

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.

trinity

n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

synonym: triad, triune, three-in-one

(1) **trinity** doctrine, (2) the Blessed **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Holy **Trinity** states that there is one God in three persons.

droop

v. to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality

synonym: sag, slump, wilt

(1) **droop** with disappointment, (2) **droop** under their own weight

The flowers began to **droop** in the scorching heat.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym : seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym : support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym : rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

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.

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**.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym: holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

snapback

n. a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

(1) vintage **snapback**, (2) **snapback** trend

I love wearing **snapback** hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym: rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

childbearing

n. the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy

synonym: accouchement, childbirth, maternity

(1) **childbearing** capacity, (2) **childbearing** at a later age

Many women delay **childbearing** until their careers are

established.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym: defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;
(verb) to be aware of or know

synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

floorboard

n. a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other

synonym: plank, board, panel

(1) **floorboard** creaks, (2) hardwood **floorboard**

The **floorboard** in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.

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.

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym : tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

casket

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

synonym : coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym : entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect
The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

regurgitate

v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

synonym: repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

misspell

v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

synonym: miscopy, mismark

(1) **misspell** words, (2) **misspell** his name

Please be careful not to **misspell** any of the words in your essay.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

oncoming

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

synonym : approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sa____ty of life | <i>n.</i> the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something |
| 2. visit a ma_____um | <i>n.</i> a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground |
| 3. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 4. tra_____er rights | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth |
| 5. dr__p under their own weight | <i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality |
| 6. on_____ng traffic | <i>adj.</i> approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer |
| 7. dr__p with disappointment | <i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality |
| 8. co___n lid | <i>n.</i> a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin |

ANSWERS: 1. sanctity, 2. mausoleum, 3. deem, 4. transgender, 5. droop, 6. oncoming, 7. droop, 8. coffin

9. flo_____rd creaks *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
10. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
11. hardwood flo_____rd *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
12. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
13. 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
14. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
15. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
16. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
17. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
18. chi_____ing capacity *n.* the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy
19. pe_____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 9. floorboard, 10. ken, 11. floorboard, 12. rot, 13. whisper, 14. kneel, 15. coffin, 16. cathedral, 17. reintroduce, 18. childbearing, 19. perverse

20. s__r a drink
v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
21. 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
22. tr_____y doctrine
n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
23. mi_____ll words
v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
24. wooden p_w
n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
25. rei_____ce capital punishment
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
26. kn__l down and worship
v. to rest on someone's knee or knees
27. d__m socially responsible
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
28. reg_____te information
v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

ANSWERS: 20. slur, 21. transgender, 22. trinity, 23. misspell, 24. pew, 25. reintroduce, 26. kneel, 27. deem, 28. regurgitate

29. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
30. 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
31. sa_____e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
32. ti_____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
33. on_____ng disaster *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
34. li____r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
35. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
36. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 29. heterosexual, 30. dissolve, 31. salvage, 32. tightrope, 33. oncoming, 34. linger, 35. hashtag, 36. hashtag

37. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
38. mi_____ll his name *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
39. be_____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
40. chi_____ing at a later age *n.* the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy
41. 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
42. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
43. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
44. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
45. ev_____te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 37. spectacle, 38. misspell, 39. befriend, 40. childbearing, 41. sham, 42. befriend, 43. heterosexual, 44. apologetic, 45. evacuate

46. wooden ca___t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
47. ev_____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
48. the Blessed Tr_____y *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
49. pe_____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
50. en_____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
51. en_____e a suspect *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
52. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
53. ti_____pe performer *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

ANSWERS: 46. casket, 47. evacuate, 48. trinity, 49. perverse, 50. ensnare, 51. ensnare, 52. ken, 53. tightrope

54. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
55. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
56. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
57. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
58. 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
59. sn_____ck trend *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
60. plain ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
61. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
62. sa_____e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

ANSWERS: 54. nostalgia, 55. mausoleum, 56. apologetic, 57. nostalgia, 58. whisper, 59. snapback, 60. casket, 61. cathedral, 62. salvage

63. 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
64. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
65. 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
66. vintage sn____ck *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
67. pretty sp____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
68. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
69. wax a ha____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
70. reg____te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

ANSWERS: 63. dissolve, 64. slur, 65. sham, 66. snapback, 67. spectacle, 68. rot, 69. hallway, 70. regurgitate

71. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
72. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
73. violate the sa_____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
74. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

ANSWERS: 71. linger, 72. hallway, 73. sanctity, 74. pew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please be careful not to _____ any of the words in your essay.
v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
2. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.
v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
3. The flowers began to _____ in the scorching heat.
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5. The funeral director closed the _____ and secured it with screws.
n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
6. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
7. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 1. misspell, 2. evacuate, 3. droop, 4. hashtag, 5. casket, 6. transgender, 7. nostalgia

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10. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
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ANSWERS: 8. pews, 9. regurgitate, 10. hallway, 11. coffin, 12. mausoleum, 13. tightrope, 14. snapback

15. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.

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21. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

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22. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 15. ensnare, 16. whispered, 17. slur, 18. salvage, 19. sham, 20. oncoming, 21. lingered, 22. rot

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ANSWERS: 23. Trinity, 24. sanctity, 25. reintroduce, 26. childbearing, 27. apologetic, 28. kneeling, 29. dissolved, 30. cathedral's

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