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Session 1: Word List

prostitute

 a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) hallowed tradition, (2) hallowed memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

seminary

 an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

synonym: school, academy, college

(1) theological **seminary**, (2) college **seminary**

He enrolled in the **seminary** to study theology and become a minister.

preach

- v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize
- (1) preach the gospel, (2) preach to the massesThe pastor preached about the importance of forgiveness.

homicide

 the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass homicide, (2) serial homicide

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

precipitously

adv. steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline

synonym: steeply, rapidly, abruptly

(1) fall **precipitously**, (2) the mountain face descends **precipitously**

The athlete's performance started to decline **precipitously** after an injury.

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.

firework

 a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

gunfire

 the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

synonym: gunshots, firing, shooting

(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**

The journalist heard the sound of gunfire while reporting in a

war zone.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym: sleep time, night-time

(1) bedtime meditation, (2) regular bedtime

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

gurney

 a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings

synonym: stretcher, litter, bed

(1) transport gurney, (2) gurney pushing

The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the **gurney** and rushed him to the hospital.

venerate

 to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, adore, honor

(1) **venerate** ancestors, (2) **venerate** the divine

Many people **venerate** Mahatma Gandhi as a symbol of peace and non-violence.

matriarch

 a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

patriarch

 a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym: father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

cathedral

- n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the areasynonym: church, basilica, temple
- (1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir
 The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym: droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

decry

- v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly synonym: criticize, condemn, denigrate
- (1) decry a policy, (2) decry the situationI decry the decision to cut funding for the program.

sermon

 a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

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The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

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**.

careen

v. to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

synonym: lurch, sway, stagger

(1) careen in rough seas, (2) careens downhill

The car **careened** off the road and crashed into a tree.

oblivious

 adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

carrion

 the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals

synonym: carcass, remains

(1) rotting **carrion**, (2) scavenging **carrion** birds
The vultures were circling above, searching for **carrion** to feast on.

gulf

 a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) gulf war, (2) gulf stream

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The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

paradox

 a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

lockstep

 a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions

synonym: uniformity, synchronicity, conformity

(1) follow the rules in **lockstep**, (2) work in **lockstep**The dancers moved in **lockstep**, perfectly synchronized with one another.

cadre

 a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym: core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite cadre, (2) cadre of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

anomaly

 n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) anomaly detection, (2) global temperature anomaly

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The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

detriment

- n. something that causes harm, injury, or damagesynonym: harm, damage, injury
- (1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

portray

- v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic worksynonym: depict, describe, illustrate
- (1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym: chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

grindstone

v. a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently

synonym: (verb) sharpen, (verb) polish

(1) diamond **grindstone**, (2) go back to the **grindstone**He had to put his nose to the **grindstone** to meet the deadline for the project.

ploy

a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

synonym: tactic, maneuver, strategy

(1) clever **ploy**, (2) marketing **ploy**

The thief's **ploy** to distract the security guard worked perfectly.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills,
 education, or experience; employed in a job that is
 below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym: underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

duffel

 a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

synonym: gym bag, satchel, knapsack

(1) canvas duffel, (2) waterproof duffel

He packed all his clothes and gear into his **duffel** bag for the camping trip.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	a male prote	n.	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
2.	the mountain face descends presly	adv.	steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline
3.	obus of his promise	adj.	not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
4.	firk discharge	n.	a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
5.	insize customary laws	ν.	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
6.	rete the feeling of the 1920s	ν.	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
7.	Pach of Constantinople	n.	a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
8.	lethal gue	n.	the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
9.	college sery	n.	an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

ANSWERS: 1. prostitute, 2. precipitously, 3. oblivious, 4. firework, 5. institutionalize, 6. recreate, 7. patriarch, 8. gunfire, 9. seminary

10.	transport guy	n.	a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
11.	any detection	n.	something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
12.	waterproof duI	n.	a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
13.	rete a single country	v.	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
14.	bring great dent	n.	something that causes harm, injury, or damage
15.	burst of gue	n.	the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
16.	regular bee	n.	the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
17.	prh the gospel	ν.	to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
18.	canvas duI	n.	a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
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ANSWERS: 10. gurney, 11. anomaly, 12. duffel, 13. recreate, 14. detriment, 15. gunfire, 16. bedtime, 17. preach, 18. duffel

19.	caal school	n.	the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
20.	cans downhill	<i>v</i> .	to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
21.	g_f stream	n.	a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
22.	obus to our response	adj.	not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
23.	clever py	n.	a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
24.	accurately poy the condition	ν.	to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
25.	gf war	n.	a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
26.	insize a system	ν.	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
27.	marketing py	n.	a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
28.	vete the divine	ν.	to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
29.	a lay sen	n.	a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 19. cathedral, 20. careen, 21. gulf, 22. oblivious, 23. ploy, 24. portray, 25. gulf, 26. institutionalize, 27. ploy, 28. venerate, 29. sermon

30.	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
31.	go back to the grine	v.	a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently
32.	can in rough seas	v.	to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
33.	prote street	n.	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
34.	caal choir	n.	the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
35.	bee meditation	n.	the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
36.	conte a marriage	v.	to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
37.	work in loep	n.	a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions

ANSWERS: 30. rev, 31. grindstone, 32. careen, 33. prostitute, 34. cathedral, 35. bedtime, 36. contemplate, 37. lockstep

38.	grand firk display	n.	a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
39.	conted leaving school	ν.	to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
40.	haed tradition	adj.	considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
41.	dey the situation	<i>v</i> .	to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
42.	dey a policy	<i>v</i> .	to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
43.	poy feelings in words	<i>v</i> .	to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
44.	wax a hay floor	n.	an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
45.	fall presly	adv.	steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline
46.	prh to the masses	<i>v</i> .	to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
47.	haed memory	adj.	considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
48.	mass hode	n.	the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
49.	the pax of the heap	n.	a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 38. firework, 39. contemplate, 40. hallowed, 41. decry, 42. decry, 43. portray, 44. hallway, 45. precipitously, 46. preach, 47. hallowed, 48. homicide, 49. paradox

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

v. a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently

the decaying flesh of dead animals,
 often used to refer to the carcasses that
 serve as food for scavenging animals

ANSWERS: 50. carrion, 51. paradox, 52. dispel, 53. hallway, 54. patriarch, 55. homicide, 56. underemployed, 57. grindstone, 58. carrion

57. diamond gri____ne

58. rotting ca____n

59.	elite cae	n.	a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
60.	undyed graduates	adj.	employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
61.	diI baseless rumors	<i>v</i> .	to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
62.	ruled by a mach	n.	a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
63.	s_g with fatigue	v.	to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
64.	global temperature any	n.	something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
65.	dent of society	n.	something that causes harm, injury, or damage
66.	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
67.	vete ancestors	v.	to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem

ANSWERS: 59. cadre, 60. underemployed, 61. dispel, 62. matriarch, 63. sag, 64. anomaly, 65. detriment, 66. rev, 67. venerate

a woman who is the head of a family or 68. ma____ch figure n. social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group 69. gu___y pushing a wheeled stretcher used for n. transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings a speech or lecture given by a religious 70. lengthy se___n n. leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service a way of walking in which people's 71. follow the rules in lo____ep strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions a group of trained and committed 72. ca e of leaders n. members of an organization or movement to droop or hang down, especially due 73. s_g my jaw ν. to a lack of support or the weight of something an educational institution, typically for 74. theological se ry n. the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

ANSWERS: 68. matriarch, 69. gurney, 70. sermon, 71. lockstep, 72. cadre, 73. sag, 74. seminary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The dancers moved in perfectly synchronized with one another.
n.	a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions
2.	The old mattress in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
v.	to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
3.	Many people Mahatma Gandhi as a symbol of peace and non-violence.
<i>v</i> .	to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
4.	The pastor about the importance of forgiveness.
ν.	to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
5.	We often political problems as religious issues.
v.	to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
6.	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
7.	She turned to to make ends meet.
n.	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
	SWERS: 1. lockstep, 2. sagged, 3. venerate, 4. preached, 5. portray, 6. rev, 7. stitute

ANSWERS: 16. gunfire, 17. grindstone, 18. contemplated, 19. recreated, 20. careened, 21. patriarch, 22. institutionalize, 23. seminary

ANSWERS: 24. ploy, 25. bedtime, 26. detriment, 27. firework, 28. dispel, 29. matriarch, 30. underemployed, 31. decry