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Session 1: Word List

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

conjugate

v. to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person

synonym : catenate, concatenate

(1) **conjugate** the verb, (2) a **conjugated** protein

The verb is **conjugated** in the main alternative form.

esoteric

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

synonym : abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

ruthlessly

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

synonym: mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym : thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

intergalactic

adj. existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)

synonym: extragalactic, cosmic, interstellar

(1) **intergalactic** travel, (2) **intergalactic** matter

The **intergalactic** spaceship traveled to distant planets.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym: capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. rut_____ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
3. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
5. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
6. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
7. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
8. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
9. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
10. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. ruthlessly, 3. opportune, 4. immerse, 5. profoundly, 6. whimsical, 7. glowing, 8. idealist, 9. fearless, 10. storytelling

11. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
12. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
13. ex-convict bu____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
14. Ma____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
15. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
16. courtroom sto____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
17. pro____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
18. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
19. es____ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
20. int____tic matter *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
21. Ma____n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

ANSWERS: 11. ram, 12. ram, 13. burglar, 14. Martian, 15. swipe, 16. storytelling, 17. profoundly, 18. roam, 19. esoteric, 20. intergalactic, 21. Martian

22. caught the bu_____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
23. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
24. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
25. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
26. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
27. judge rut_____ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
28. an es_____ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
29. ti____r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
30. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. wh_____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

ANSWERS: 22. burglar, 23. astronaut, 24. clap, 25. astronaut, 26. idealist, 27. ruthlessly, 28. esoteric, 29. tinker, 30. opportune, 31. whimsical

32. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
33. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
34. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
35. int_____tic travel *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
36. pe_____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
37. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
38. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
39. Adelie pe_____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
40. a co_____ted protein *v.* to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person

ANSWERS: 32. tinker, 33. stomp, 34. immerse, 35. intergalactic, 36. penguin, 37. swipe, 38. imaginative, 39. penguin, 40. conjugate

41. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
42. cr____n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
43. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
44. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
45. ima____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
46. co____te the verb *v.* to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person
47. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
48. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
49. snow le____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
50. gl____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
51. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 41. leopard, 42. crayon, 43. roam, 44. gore, 45. imaginative, 46. conjugate, 47. clap, 48. excite, 49. leopard, 50. glowing, 51. gore

52. fe____ss attitude

adj. having no fear; brave

53. cr____n drawing

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

54. st__p off to the room

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 52. fearless, 53. crayon, 54. stomp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas
2. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
3. I love to ____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
4. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
5. He _____ himself in his research.
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
6. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
7. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.
n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

ANSWERS: 1. imaginative, 2. profoundly, 3. roam, 4. gored, 5. immersed, 6. rammed, 7. penguin

8. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
9. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
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10. We _____ along with the singer's song.
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11. _____ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.
- n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
12. The _____ spaceship traveled to distant planets.
- adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
13. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
14. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
- v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 8. astronaut, 9. idealist, 10. clapped, 11. Leopards, 12. intergalactic, 13. swipe, 14. stomped

15. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

16. The verb is _____ in the main alternative form.

v. to give the different forms of a verb, as they vary according to voice, mood, tense, number, and person

17. The skilled _____ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

18. The western sky was _____ pink.

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

19. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

adj. having no fear; brave

20. There is very little water in the _____ atmosphere.

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

21. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

22. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 15. whimsical, 16. conjugated, 17. burglar, 18. glowing, 19. fearless, 20. Martian, 21. tinkering, 22. storytelling

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

24. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

25. The book's content was so _____ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

adj. intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

26. He _____ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

27. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. crayons, 25. esoteric, 26. ruthlessly, 27. excited