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Session 1: Word List

- bop**
- v. to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
- synonym* : jig, hop, bounce
- (1) hard **bop**, (2) **bop** to the beat
- The jazz band began to **bop** and swing during their performance, causing the crowd to dance along.
- choreograph**
- v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
- (1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**
- He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.
- wildfire**
- n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
- synonym* : blaze, bonfire, flame
- (1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**
- The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

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.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the

ZOO

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; *(noun)* a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym: incendiary, dissident, *(noun)* rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

cakewalk

n. an easy task or achievement

synonym: easy task, simple task, straightforward task

(1) **cakewalk** task, (2) **cakewalk** for him

The exam was a **cakewalk** compared to his final exams in college.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym: spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; *(verb)* to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. wi_____re spread | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope |
| 2. en_____e poor peasants | <i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 3. pa____y imitation | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work |
| 4. b_p to the beat | <i>v.</i> to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm |
| 5. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 6. arson-caused wi_____re | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope |
| 7. exquisitely cho_____phed | <i>v.</i> to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music |
| 8. ca_____lk for him | <i>n.</i> an easy task or achievement |
| 9. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 10. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |

ANSWERS: 1. wildfire, 2. enslave, 3. parody, 4. bop, 5. ancestor, 6. wildfire, 7. choreograph, 8. cakewalk, 9. ancestor, 10. improvisation

11. ca____lk task *n.* an easy task or achievement
12. hard b_p *v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
13. fitness cr__e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
14. cho______ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
15. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
16. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
18. sub____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 11. cakewalk, 12. bop, 13. craze, 14. choreograph, 15. thigh, 16. blur, 17. enslave, 18. subversive

19. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
20. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
21. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
22. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
23. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
24. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
25. comedic pa___y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
26. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 19. captivity, 20. thigh, 21. blur, 22. craze, 23. captivity, 24. subversive, 25. parody, 26. clap

27. c__p a book shut

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28. jazz imp_____ion

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 27. clap, 28. improvisation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
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9. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
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ANSWERS: 9. captivity, 10. blur, 11. subversive, 12. bop, 13. choreographed, 14. craze