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Session 1: Word List

ape

 a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle ape, (2) play the ape

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

orphan

 a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) orphan care, (2) asylum for orphan children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

nonhuman

adj. not human; belonging to or characteristic of animals or things rather than people

synonym: inhuman, animal, artificial

(1) **nonhuman** species, (2) **nonhuman** intelligence

The experiment was conducted on **nonhuman** primates.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non-**synonymous** mutation The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

alas

 adv. (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

synonym: alack, regrettably, unluckily

(1) **alas**, we did not win the game, (2) **alas**, I cannot attend the party

Alas, I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

idol

- n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered synonym: icon, hero, legend
- (1) idol worship, (2) idol singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

mosque

- n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
- (1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speaksynonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) voiceless consonant, (2) voiceless minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

litigate

v. to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right

synonym: argue, contest, sue

(1) **litigate** a contract dispute, (2) **litigate** a copyright The two parties will have to **litigate** their disagreements in court.

kidnapping

 the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

kidnapping attempt, (2) mass kidnapping
 She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated kidnapping.

scot

 a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

baptize

v. to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)

synonym: purify, immerse

(1) baptize a baby, (2) baptize with water

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The priest **baptized** my father on his deathbed.

godparent

n. a person who sponsors a child at baptism, taking on the responsibility of providing moral or spiritual guidance; an individual chosen by parents to be a guardian or mentor to their child

synonym: sponsor, guardian

baptismal godparent, (2) supportive godparent
 The tradition of godparent gifts is a way to show appreciation for their commitment.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

confrontation

 the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

enrage

- v. to make someone extremely angry synonym: anger, incense, infuriate
- (1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

canvass

 n. to solicit or seek opinions, votes, or support from individuals; to examine or survey an area, group, or situation thoroughly; (noun) the act of gathering public opinion or support through discussions or surveys

synonym: poll, solicit, inquiry

(1) **canvass** a thousand households, (2) political **canvass** The campaign team went door-to-door to **canvass** voters before the election.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

writ

n. a written legal order or commandsynonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a writ of summons, (2) issue a writ

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

detain

 to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

odious

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgustsynonym: loathsome, repugnant, revolting

(1) **odious** task, (2) **odious** character

The odious smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

transubstantiate

v. to change from one substance to another, especially in a religious context, such as the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist

synonym: transmute, transform, metamorphose

(1) **transubstantiate** matter, (2) **transubstantiate** her innermost thoughts

Catholics believe the bread and wine **transubstantiate** into the body and blood of Christ during mass.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) courtroom drama, (2) courtroom trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

imbibe

v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

synonym: drink, consume, absorb

(1) **imbibe** the idea, (2) **imbibe** alcohol

She **imbibed** the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

lifesaving

- the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
- (1) lifesaving efforts, (2) lifesaving device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

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.

chimpanzee

a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central
 Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

affidavit

n. a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding

synonym: declaration, statement, testimony

(1) sign an **affidavit**, (2) file an **affidavit**I must submit an **affidavit** to the court stating my version of events.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was imprisoned for embezzlement.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift

occurs spontaneously

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

numeration

n. the act or process of numbering or counting; the system, method, or practice of assigning numbers to objects or individuals to establish a sequence or identify them

synonym: numbering, tallying, counting

(1) the skill of **numeration**, (2) decimal **numeration**The **numeration** system used in most Western countries is called the Hindu-Arabic numeration system.

referential

 adj. containing or relating to a reference to something or someone else; indicating, representing, or denoting something else

synonym: allusive, alluding

(1) **referential** database, (2) **referential** language
The **referential** footnote provided additional information about the source of the data.

ivory

 a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of ivory, (2) ivory carving

The intricate carvings on the ivory tusk were a work of art.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results
The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover somethingsynonym: dig, unearth, extract

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(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

herculean

adj. requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

synonym: challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

biomedical

 adj. relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

synonym: medical, clinical, health-related

(1) **biomedical** assay, (2) cutting-edge **biomedical Biomedical** engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts *synonym*: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

brook

n. a small stream

synonym: stream, creek, rivulet

(1) music of the **brook**,(2) **brook** troutA **brook** babbled through the woods.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____on disorder

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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