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Session 1: Word List

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym : covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym : submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

proselytize

v. to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology

synonym : evangelize, convert, proselyte

(1) **proselytize** beliefs, (2) **proselytize** religion

Some missionaries attempt to **proselytize** their faith to those who are not interested.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

gulag

n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in

the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

synonym : prison camp, labor camp, detention center

(1) **gulag** survivor, (2) **gulag** labor

Thousands of political prisoners were held in the **gulag** during the Soviet era.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (*verb*) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

synonym : carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

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**.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym : blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

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.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym : titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym : flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

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**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

merciless

adj. showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

synonym: ruthless, cruel, pitiless

(1) **merciless** criticism, (2) a **merciless** killer

The **merciless** dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

monotone

n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality

synonym: sameness, monotony, uniformity

(1) **monotone** rhythm, (2) speak in a **monotone**

The professor spoke for hours in a **monotone**, putting his students to sleep.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. happen to ov_____ar a conversation | v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge |
| 2. go through hea_____ak | n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 3. pro_____us nation | adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 4. my_____al world | adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination |
| 5. baptism by im_____on | n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity |
| 6. gu__g labor | n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor |
| 7. gi___e like a child | v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way |
| 8. begin to r_t | v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 9. accidentally ov_____ard their talk | v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge |

ANSWERS: 1. overhear, 2. heartbreak, 3. prosperous, 4. mythical, 5. immersion, 6. gulag, 7. giggle, 8. rot, 9. overhear

10. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
11. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
12. 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
13. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
15. pro_____ze religion *v.* to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
16. gu__g survivor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

ANSWERS: 10. dictator, 11. prosperous, 12. rev, 13. Christ, 14. chalk, 15. proselytize, 16. gulag

17. a me_____ss killer *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
18. my_____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
19. im_____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
20. advertising sl_____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
21. teaching of Ch_____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
22. he_____d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
23. 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
24. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
25. he_____d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 17. merciless, 18. mythical, 19. immersion, 20. slogan, 21. Christ, 22. herald, 23. regurgitate, 24. undercover, 25. herald

26. speak in a mo____ne *n.* a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
27. h__y atmosphere *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
28. met____sly executed *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
29. met____sly crafted product *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
30. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
31. mo____ne rhythm *n.* a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
32. 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
33. popular sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 26. monotone, 27. hazy, 28. meticulously, 29. meticulously, 30. chalk, 31. monotone, 32. regurgitate, 33. sanction

34. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
35. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
36. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
37. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
38. me_____ss criticism *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
39. bl__h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
40. eva_____al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
41. 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
42. h__y dream *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

ANSWERS: 34. rot, 35. evangelical, 36. heartbreak, 37. undercover, 38. merciless, 39. blush, 40. evangelical, 41. rev, 42. hazy

43. bl__h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
44. gi___e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
45. pro_____ze beliefs *v.* to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
46. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
47. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
48. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
49. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
50. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
51. Imperial sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 43. blush, 44. giggle, 45. proselytize, 46. devote, 47. slogan, 48. carve, 49. dictator, 50. carve, 51. sanction

52. de___e all of my energies

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 52. devote

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was inside at the time and _____ the conversation.
v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
2. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
3. The professor spoke for hours in a _____ putting his students to sleep.
n. a sound or voice that does not vary in pitch or tone; a sequence of words or phrases that are delivered without variation in pitch or tone, often resulting in a dull or boring quality
4. Some missionaries attempt to _____ their faith to those who are not interested.
v. to try to convert someone to a new belief or opinion, typically a religious or political one; to advocate or spread a particular doctrine or ideology
5. The biology student had to _____ all the material she had learned for the final exam.
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
6. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
7. She _____ when the boy complimented her.
v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

ANSWERS: 1. overheard, 2. heartbreak, 3. monotone, 4. proselytize, 5. regurgitate, 6. devoted, 7. blushed

8. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
9. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.
- adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
10. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
11. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
12. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.
- adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
13. 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
14. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.
- n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 8. dictator, 9. mythical, 10. Christmas, 11. sanctions, 12. evangelical, 13. rev, 14. immersion

15. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

16. She _____ planned every detail of her wedding.

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

17. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

18. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

19. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

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

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

21. The _____ dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

adj. showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

22. Thousands of political prisoners were held in the _____ during the Soviet era.

n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

ANSWERS: 15. undercover, 16. meticulously, 17. prosperous, 18. heralded, 19. carved, 20. rot, 21. merciless, 22. gulag

23. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
24. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
- n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
25. My memories of the holiday were _____.
- adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
26. When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to _____.
- v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

ANSWERS: 23. slogans, 24. chalk, 25. hazy, 26. giggle