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Session 1: Word List

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym: advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

seine

n. a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish

synonym : net, fishing net, trawl

(1) haul a **seine**, (2) beach **seine**

The fishermen used a purse **seine** to catch fish in the river.

aglow

adj. radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color

synonym : radiant, glowing, illuminated

(1) **aglow** with excitement, (2) cheeks **aglow**

The city skyline was **aglow** with the beautiful lights of the fireworks display.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

timelapse

n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

(1) **timelapse** photography, (2) capture **timelapse** footage

The **timelapse** video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

panoramic

adj. relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing

synonym : expansive, wide-ranging, scenic

(1) **panoramic** landscape, (2) **panoramic** camera

We hiked to the top of the hill for a **panoramic** view of the

city below.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym: montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**

She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

pier

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

synonym: jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

trampoline

n. a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

synonym: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

discordant

adj. not in agreement or harmony; conflicting

synonym: inharmonious, clashing, inconsistent

(1) loud **discordant** voice, (2) **discordant** growth

The **discordant** music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym: moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym: duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

scissor

v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

synonym: cut, clip, shear

(1) **scissor** paper, (2) kitchen **scissors**

I need to **scissor** my hair to even out the ends.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym: gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

checkerboard

n. a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker

synonym: check, plaid, patchwork

(1) **checkerboard** pattern, (2) **checkerboard** frame

This historic city is famous for its **checkerboard** streets.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**

Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

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.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

grunt

v. to make a short, low noise in the throat

synonym: groan, mutter, murmur

(1) **grunt** a laugh, (2) **grunt** in discontent

She **grunted** and stopped drinking coffee.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pa_____ic camera
adj. relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
2. for a fl_____ng moment
adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
3. w__p under pressure
v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
4. ca____n of skyscrapers
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
5. em_____nt repair of an aorta
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known
6. ina_____ion ceremony
n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
7. met_____cs study
n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
8. che_____ard frame
n. a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker

ANSWERS: 1. panoramic, 2. fleeting, 3. warp, 4. canyon, 5. emergent, 6. inauguration, 7. metaphysics, 8. checkerboard

9. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
10. haul a se__e *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
11. rel____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
12. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
13. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
14. beach se__e *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
15. beautiful su____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
16. face rel____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
17. presidential ina____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
18. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. compress, 10. seine, 11. relentless, 12. unfold, 13. greet, 14. seine, 15. sunrise, 16. relentless, 17. inauguration, 18. opportune

19. loud dis_____nt voice *adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
20. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
21. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
22. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
23. capture ti_____se footage *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
24. ph_____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
25. ti_____se photography *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
26. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 19. discordant, 20. crocodile, 21. unimaginable, 22. canyon, 23. timelapse, 24. photocopy, 25. timelapse, 26. crocodile

27. an em____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
28. che_____ard pattern *n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker
29. cheeks ag__w *adj.* radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color
30. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
31. digital co_____e *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
32. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
33. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
34. kitchen sc_____rs *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
35. pa_____ic landscape *adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing

ANSWERS: 27. emergent, 28. checkerboard, 29. aglow, 30. sunrise, 31. collage, 32. compress, 33. timeless, 34. scissor, 35. panoramic

36. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
37. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
38. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
39. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
40. the nature of met_____cs *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
41. se___e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
42. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
43. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
44. sc_____r paper *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

ANSWERS: 36. embody, 37. greet, 38. fascinate, 39. unimaginable, 40. metaphysics, 41. selfie, 42. moonlight, 43. fleeting, 44. scissor

45. pose for a se___e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
46. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
48. color ph_____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
49. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
50. tra_____ne park *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
51. gr__t in discontent *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
52. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
53. mo_____ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
54. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 45. selfie, 46. opportune, 47. embody, 48. photocopy, 49. untold, 50. trampoline, 51. grunt, 52. timeless, 53. moonlight, 54. fascinate

55. gr__t a laugh *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
56. a landing p__r *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
57. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
58. dis_____nt growth *adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
59. co_____e art *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
60. tra_____ne jump *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
61. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
62. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
63. ag__w with excitement *adj.* radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color

ANSWERS: 55. grunt, 56. pier, 57. vantage, 58. discordant, 59. collage, 60. trampoline, 61. unfold, 62. warp, 63. aglow

64. un___d riches

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

65. p__r fishing

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

66. gain a va_____e

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 64. untold, 65. pier, 66. vantage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
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n. a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

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17. The _____ music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.

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ANSWERS: 25. timelapse, 26. Canyon, 27. fleeting, 28. moonlight, 29. metaphysics, 30. compressed, 31. checkerboard

32. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

33. The city skyline was _____ with the beautiful lights of the fireworks display.

adj. radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color

ANSWERS: 32. vantage, 33. aglow