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Session 1: Word List

fireside

n. the area or space around a fireplace, often used to represent a cozy or intimate gathering or conversation that takes place in front of a fire

synonym: fireplace, hearth, chimney corner

(1) enjoy the **fireside** ambiance, (2) relaxing **fireside**

We cozy up to each other around the **fireside**, enjoying the warmth and crackling sounds.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

viticulture

n. (also "viniculture") the cultivation and production of grapes, particularly for winemaking, which includes the science and practice of growing grapevines, managing vineyards, and harvesting the grapes for wine production

synonym: grape growing, vine cultivation

(1) **viticulture** industry, (2) organic **viticulture**

The winery is known for its commitment to sustainable

viticulture practices.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

binocular

- n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

synonym: field glasses, opera glasses, spyglasses

- (1) **binoculars** for birdwatching, (2) powerful **binoculars**

The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered **binoculars** to study the constellations in the night sky.

hut

- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

- (1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

hacky

- adj.* (of computer programming) done in a poor or unoriginal way or is intended to be humorous but is not funny; not new or funny

synonym: makeshift, inelegant, clunky

- (1) **hacky** coding, (2) **hacky** solution

The software was deemed **hacky** and unreliable, with numerous bugs and glitches.

sack

- v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

- (1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

opal

- n.* a mineral consisting of hydrated silica that is often iridescent and comes in a variety of colors; a gemstone made from this mineral valued for its play of color

- (1) **opal** jewelry, (2) milky **opal**

The **opal** on her necklace glimmered in the sunlight.

grumpy

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

synonym: crabby, grouchy, irritable

(1) **grumpy** cat, (2) **grumpy** mood

The **grumpy** older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

finch

n. a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song

synonym: bird, avian, passerine

(1) a **finch** bird, (2) strawberry **finch**

A flock of **finches** gathered at the bird feeder.

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.

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.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

finger tip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **finger tip** pressure, (2) burn my **finger tip**

The archaeologist ran his **finger tips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

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.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym: stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

Session 2: Spelling

1. magic w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

2. vit_____re industry *n.* (also "viniculture") the cultivation and production of grapes, particularly for winemaking, which includes the science and practice of growing grapevines, managing vineyards, and harvesting the grapes for wine production

3. s__k an employee *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

4. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

5. a sleep s__k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

6. a fi__h bird *n.* a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song

7. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger

8. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 1. wand, 2. viticulture, 3. sack, 4. humming, 5. sack, 6. finch, 7. fingertip, 8. enchant

9. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
10. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
11. sl____h along the street *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
12. strawberry fi__h *n.* a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song
13. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
14. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
15. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
16. enjoy the fi_____de ambiance *n.* the area or space around a fireplace, often used to represent a cozy or intimate gathering or conversation that takes place in front of a fire
17. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
18. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
19. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. revisit, 10. underpin, 11. slouch, 12. finch, 13. mediate, 14. imbue, 15. revisit, 16. fireside, 17. imbue, 18. excite, 19. opportune

20. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
21. en____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
22. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
23. powerful bi_____ars *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
24. o__l jewelry *n.* a mineral consisting of hydrated silica that is often iridescent and comes in a variety of colors; a gemstone made from this mineral valued for its play of color
25. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
26. gr___y mood *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

ANSWERS: 20. cork, 21. enchant, 22. app, 23. binocular, 24. opal, 25. excite, 26. grumpy

27. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
28. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
29. organic vit_____re *n.* (also "viniculture") the cultivation and production of grapes, particularly for winemaking, which includes the science and practice of growing grapevines, managing vineyards, and harvesting the grapes for wine production
30. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
31. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. ha__y solution *adj.* (of computer programming) done in a poor or unoriginal way or is intended to be humorous but is not funny; not new or funny
34. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
35. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
36. sl___h down in a chair *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

ANSWERS: 27. recap, 28. fingertip, 29. viticulture, 30. hut, 31. addict, 32. opportune, 33. hacky, 34. addict, 35. underpin, 36. slouch

37. milky o__l *n.* a mineral consisting of hydrated silica that is often iridescent and comes in a variety of colors; a gemstone made from this mineral valued for its play of color
38. relaxing fi____de *n.* the area or space around a fireplace, often used to represent a cozy or intimate gathering or conversation that takes place in front of a fire
39. ha__y coding *adj.* (of computer programming) done in a poor or unoriginal way or is intended to be humorous but is not funny; not new or funny
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41. bi____ars for birdwatching *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
42. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
43. me____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 37. opal, 38. fireside, 39. hacky, 40. grumpy, 41. binocular, 42. hut, 43. mediate

44. c__k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
45. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
46. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
47. security w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
48. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

ANSWERS: 44. cork, 45. humming, 46. app, 47. wand, 48. recap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A flock of _____ gathered at the bird feeder.
n. a small songbird with a short, conical beak and typically a cheerful song
2. The software was deemed _____ and unreliable, with numerous bugs and glitches.
adj. (of computer programming) done in a poor or unoriginal way or is intended to be humorous but is not funny; not new or funny
3. The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered _____ to study the constellations in the night sky.
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4. After hearing the results, he _____ against a wall.
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5. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
6. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
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ANSWERS: 1. finches, 2. hacky, 3. binoculars, 4. slouched, 5. revisit, 6. mediate

7. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
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10. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
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14. The _____ on her necklace glimmered in the sunlight.
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ANSWERS: 7. humming, 8. fireside, 9. app's, 10. imbue, 11. cork, 12. opportune, 13. fingertips, 14. opal

15. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.
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19. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
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20. The _____ older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.
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v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
22. The news of her promotion _____ her.
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ANSWERS: 15. hut, 16. viticulture, 17. wand, 18. enchanted, 19. addicts, 20. grumpy, 21. underpin, 22. excited

23. Let me quickly _____ these results.

- v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

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- v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 23. recap, 24. sacked