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Session 1: Word List

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

- 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**.
- petal** *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
synonym : blossom, flower, bloom
(1) **petal** shape, (2) rose **petal**
The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant **petals**.
- abolitionist** *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
synonym : antislavery activist, emancipator, liberator
(1) slavery **abolitionist**, (2) women's rights **abolitionist**
Harriet Tubman was a well-known **abolitionist** who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.
- atrocious** *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
synonym : evil, horror, iniquity
(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**
The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.
- industrious** *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

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.

digress

v. to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

synonym: deviate, meander, stray

(1) **digress** into my personal opinions, (2) **digress** from the main subject

The professor always **digresses** when he gives a lecture.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym: pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

debatable

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

synonym: questionable, uncertain, open to discussion

(1) the validity of the theory is **debatable**, (2) **debatable** topic

Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still **debatable** among scientists.

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.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym: boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

unarmed

adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

synonym: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to

get a restraining order.

gunpoint

n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

synonym: point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

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.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un____d combat *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
2. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
3. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
4. gu____nt robbery *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
5. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
6. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. en____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
8. cold-blooded at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
9. ga____r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
10. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. unarmed, 2. sculpt, 3. entitle, 4. gunpoint, 5. flea, 6. industrious, 7. entitle, 8. atrocity, 9. garner, 10. opportune

11. di____s from the main subject *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
12. ga____r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
13. bl____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
14. commit at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
15. pe__l shape *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
16. un____d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
17. 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
18. di____s into my personal opinions *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
19. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 11. digress, 12. garner, 13. blossom, 14. atrocity, 15. petal, 16. unarmed, 17. imbue, 18. digress, 19. mold

20. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
21. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
22. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
23. women's rights abo_____ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
24. 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
25. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. sc___t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
27. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
28. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
29. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 20. scar, 21. bland, 22. transcendent, 23. abolitionist, 24. imbue, 25. opportune, 26. sculpt, 27. reverence, 28. harass, 29. transcend

30. rose pe__l *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
31. slavery abo_____ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
32. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
33. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
34. 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
35. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
36. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
37. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
38. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something

ANSWERS: 30. petal, 31. abolitionist, 32. industrious, 33. transcend, 34. rev, 35. transcendent, 36. depict, 37. harass, 38. reverence

39. de_____le topic *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
40. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
41. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
42. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
43. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
44. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
45. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
46. bl__d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
47. held at gu_____nt *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
48. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 39. debatable, 40. depict, 41. lynch, 42. ivy, 43. carve, 44. ivy, 45. carve, 46. bland, 47. gunpoint, 48. lynch

49. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
50. 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
51. the validity of the theory is de____le *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
52. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
53. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
54. apple bl____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 49. mold, 50. rev, 51. debatable, 52. scar, 53. flea, 54. blossom

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
 - v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

2. The overgrown ____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.
 - n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

3. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
 - n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

4. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
 - v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

5. Harriet Tubman was a well-known _____ who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.
 - n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

6. The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant _____.
 - n. one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts

ANSWERS: 1. harassed, 2. ivy, 3. flea-borne, 4. lynch, 5. abolitionist, 6. petals

7. The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at _____.
- n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
8. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
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9. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
10. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
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13. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
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ANSWERS: 7. gunpoint, 8. blossom, 9. entitled, 10. depicted, 11. rev, 12. debatable, 13. mold

14. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
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20. The professor always _____ when he gives a lecture.
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21. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
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ANSWERS: 14. transcendent, 15. industrious, 16. unarmed, 17. imbue, 18. bland, 19. atrocity, 20. digresses, 21. scar, 22. garner

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

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

24. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

25. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.

n. a deep respect for someone or something

26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

27. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

ANSWERS: 23. carved, 24. transcended, 25. reverence, 26. opportune, 27. sculpting