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Session 1: Word List

ancestry

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

synonym : ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**

He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym : darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

synonym : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

synonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

enmity

n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

synonym: hostility, antipathy, animosity

(1) incur his **enmity**, (2) mutual **enmity**

There is a long-standing **enmity** between the two countries.

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.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or

someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym: halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal
I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**
She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival
The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt
The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

hermitage

n. a secluded place where a hermit or recluse lives; a retreat or refuge from the outside world

synonym: retreat, sanctuary, solitude

(1) **hermitage** retreat, (2) **hermitage** in the woods

The writer found solace and inspiration in the peaceful **hermitage** tucked away in the mountains.

hymn

n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

synonym: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

pampas

n. extensive grass plains in South America, particularly those found in Argentina and Uruguay

synonym : grassland, savanna, plain

(1) **pampas** grass, (2) **pampas** plains

The fertile soil of the **pampas** has made it a prime location for farming.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

shaker

n. a container or device used to mix or shake substances, typically used in cooking or for preparing drinks; a member of a religious sect that grew out of a Quaker revival in the United States in the 19th century

synonym : vibrator, agitator, mixer

(1) world- **shaker**, (2) protein **shaker**

The bartender quickly made a **shaker** of cocktails for the group of friends.

headland

n. a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides

synonym : promontory, cape, point

(1) **headland** erosion, (2) rocky **headland**

The lighthouse on the **headland** provided safety for ships in the stormy sea.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

monastery

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

synonym: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

hanker

v. to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something

synonym: yearn, long, crave

(1) **hanker** at the chance, (2) **hanker** for adventure

I **hanker** for a warm cup of tea on a cold, rainy day.

Session 2: Spelling

1. antibiotic-resistant g__m
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
2. a local di____t
n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
3. se__r a rope
v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
4. ca____ic in his tastes
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
5. in____ue against his rival
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
6. swe____rt deal
n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
7. the h_m of a dress
n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

ANSWERS: 1. germ, 2. dialect, 3. sever, 4. Catholic, 5. intrigue, 6. sweetheart, 7. hem

8. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
9. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
10. protein sh___r *n.* a container or device used to mix or shake substances, typically used in cooking or for preparing drinks; a member of a religious sect that grew out of a Quaker revival in the United States in the 19th century
11. too_____sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
12. h_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
13. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
14. en_____le the waist *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
15. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 8. monk, 9. pave, 10. shaker, 11. toothbrush, 12. hem, 13. exhilarating, 14. encircle, 15. distract

16. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
17. arson-caused wi____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
18. pa___s grass *n.* extensive grass plains in South America, particularly those found in Argentina and Uruguay
19. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
20. pro____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
21. ki____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
22. a mi___r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
23. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
24. re____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
25. in____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 16. scotch, 17. wildfire, 18. pampas, 19. Catholic, 20. profoundly, 21. kinship, 22. midair, 23. ache, 24. restless, 25. intrigue

26. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
27. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
28. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
29. a sacred h__n *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
30. thrown out into mi___r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
31. leave a mo_____ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
32. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
33. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
34. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 26. slap, 27. skeptical, 28. dialect, 29. hymn, 30. midair, 31. monastery, 32. distract, 33. overturn, 34. blindfold

35. prehuman an____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
36. a re____ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
37. a distinguished an____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
38. person of gra____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
39. mo____ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
40. he____ge retreat *n.* a secluded place where a hermit or recluse lives; a retreat or refuge from the outside world
41. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
42. mutual en____y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
43. uni____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
44. sleep pro____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
45. he____ge in the woods *n.* a secluded place where a hermit or recluse lives; a retreat or refuge from the outside world

ANSWERS: 35. ancestry, 36. restless, 37. ancestry, 38. grandparent, 39. monastery, 40. hermitage, 41. germ, 42. enmity, 43. unimaginable, 44. profoundly, 45. hermitage

46. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
47. pa____s plains *n.* extensive grass plains in South America, particularly those found in Argentina and Uruguay
48. swe_____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
49. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
50. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
51. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
52. sc____h the deal *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
53. ha____r for adventure *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
54. en_____le the lake *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

ANSWERS: 46. skeptical, 47. pampas, 48. sweetheart, 49. kinship, 50. pave, 51. monk, 52. scotch, 53. hanker, 54. encircle

55. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
56. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
57. he_____nd erosion *n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides
58. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
59. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
60. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
61. ha___r at the chance *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
62. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
63. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
64. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 55. ache, 56. grandparent, 57. headland, 58. unimaginable, 59. wildfire, 60. slap, 61. hanker, 62. overturn, 63. sever, 64. blindfold

65. h__n tune *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
66. world-sh__r *n.* a container or device used to mix or shake substances, typically used in cooking or for preparing drinks; a member of a religious sect that grew out of a Quaker revival in the United States in the 19th century
67. incur his en___y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
68. power too_____sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
69. rocky he_____nd *n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides
70. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

ANSWERS: 65. hymn, 66. shaker, 67. enmity, 68. toothbrush, 69. headland, 70. exhilarating

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother

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v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

3. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.
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n. the state or fact of being related to someone

ANSWERS: 24. exhilarating, 25. headland, 26. ache, 27. midair, 28. enmity, 29. encircled, 30. unimaginable, 31. kinship

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