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Session 1: Word List

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**
He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete
She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

dexterity

n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

synonym : skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**
The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**
He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

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.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym : breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym : nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym : branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 2. cultural and ar____ic activity | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities |
| 3. cellular di____on | <i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector |
| 4. Chinese cl____c literature | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 5. a school j__z band | <i>n.</i> a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression |
| 6. di____on chief | <i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector |
| 7. serial qu____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 8. a very ta____ed actor | <i>adj.</i> having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area |
| 9. a ba___t enthusiast | <i>n.</i> a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing |

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. artistic, 3. division, 4. classic, 5. jazz, 6. division, 7. quitter, 8. talented, 9. ballet

10. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
11. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
12. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
13. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
14. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
15. boost my self-es___m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
16. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
17. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
18. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
19. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
20. ba___t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

ANSWERS: 10. excite, 11. artistic, 12. acrobatic, 13. hero, 14. typical, 15. esteem, 16. contest, 17. spectacular, 18. sponsor, 19. talented, 20. ballet

21. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
22. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
23. music au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
24. sp____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
25. spe____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
26. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
27. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
28. dance au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
29. ac____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

ANSWERS: 21. hero, 22. typical, 23. audition, 24. sponsor, 25. spectacular, 26. classic, 27. engineer, 28. audition, 29. acrobatic

30. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
31. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
32. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
33. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
34. de_____ty with the pen *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
35. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
36. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
37. manual de_____ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
38. a speech co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 30. quitter, 31. engineer, 32. onstage, 33. esteem, 34. dexterity, 35. jazz, 36. onstage, 37. dexterity, 38. contest

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The surgeon's _____ was impressive during the delicate surgery.
n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

2. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

3. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

4. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

5. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

6. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

7. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. dexterity, 2. division, 3. contest, 4. acrobatic, 5. engineer, 6. classic, 7. excited

8. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
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9. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.
n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
10. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.
n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
11. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
12. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
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13. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
14. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
15. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 8. sponsors, 9. audition, 10. jazz, 11. spectacular, 12. talented, 13. ballet, 14. hero, 15. typical

16. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

17. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

18. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

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19. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

ANSWERS: 16. onstage, 17. quitter, 18. artistic, 19. esteem