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Session 1: Word List

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

raven

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

synonym: crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

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**.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

tortoise

n. a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

synonym : turtle, chelonian

(1) giant **tortoise**, (2) **tortoise** shell

The Galapagos **tortoise** is a fascinating creature with a long lifespan.

cougar

n. a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men

synonym : puma, catamount, panther

(1) **cougar** lift, (2) the **cougar's** ex-husband

We saw a large **cougar** as we hiked through the mountains.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

intricacy

n. the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements

synonym: complexity, intricateness, elaboration

(1) the **intricacy** of the design, (2) legal **intricacy**

The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible **intricacy**.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym: enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
2. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
3. ra__n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
4. 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
5. re_____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
6. ra__n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
7. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
8. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
9. co____r lift *n.* a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men

ANSWERS: 1. blacksmith, 2. portray, 3. raven, 4. rev, 5. rejoice, 6. raven, 7. disguise, 8. embarrass, 9. cougar

10. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
11. 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
12. the co____r's ex-husband *n.* a large predatory feline animal, also known as a mountain lion or puma, which is native to the Americas; an older woman who pursues sexual or romantic relationships with much younger men
13. legal in____cy *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
14. bla____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
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16. the in____cy of the design *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
17. re____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
18. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 10. disguise, 11. rev, 12. cougar, 13. intricacy, 14. blacksmith, 15. embarrass, 16. intricacy, 17. rejoice, 18. marvel

19. to_____se shell *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years
20. a ma____l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
21. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
22. giant to_____se *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

ANSWERS: 19. tortoise, 20. marvel, 21. portray, 22. tortoise

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. marvel, 2. rev, 3. intricacy, 4. disguised, 5. cougar, 6. portray, 7. embarrass

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- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
11. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 8. raven's, 9. tortoise, 10. rejoice, 11. blacksmith