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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

mediator

n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

synonym: conciliator, arbitrator, interceder

(1) legal **mediator**, (2) **mediator** between two sides

The **mediator's** primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

suspense

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

synonym: tension, anticipation, excitement

(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie

The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym : respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

expletive

n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

synonym : curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

hapless

adj. having no luck; unfortunate

synonym : unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation

The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

lingo

n. the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession

synonym : language, jargon, slang

(1) computer **lingo**, (2) medical **lingo**

The language used in the article was technical **lingo**, making it difficult for non-experts to understand.

nonfiction

n. a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

synonym: fact, reality, truth

(1) **nonfiction** movie, (2) **nonfiction** account

This **nonfiction** book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. comedic pa___y | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work |
| 2. neighborhood t__t | <i>n.</i> a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating |
| 3. play a pro_____st | <i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories |
| 4. a chick's tw__t | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 5. b__r image | <i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision |
| 6. computer li__o | <i>n.</i> the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession |
| 7. pa___y imitation | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work |
| 8. ex_____ve language | <i>n.</i> a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration |
| 9. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 10. vassal ho___e | <i>n.</i> a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute |

ANSWERS: 1. parody, 2. twit, 3. protagonist, 4. tweet, 5. blur, 6. lingo, 7. parody, 8. expletive, 9. tweet, 10. homage

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| 11. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 12. her ha_____s fate | <i>adj.</i> having no luck; unfortunate |
| 13. dr__e flight | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 14. cu_____te in failure | <i>v.</i> to reach a peak or climax |
| 15. cu_____te in a heart attack | <i>v.</i> to reach a peak or climax |
| 16. artistic ren_____ce | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music |
| 17. legal me_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties |
| 18. medical li__o | <i>n.</i> the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession |
| 19. paying ho___e to tradition | <i>n.</i> a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute |
| 20. protect an_____ty | <i>n.</i> the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information |
| 21. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 22. comment with an_____ty | <i>n.</i> the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information |

ANSWERS: 11. storytelling, 12. hapless, 13. drone, 14. culminate, 15. culminate, 16. Renaissance, 17. mediator, 18. lingo, 19. homage, 20. anonymity, 21. storytelling, 22. anonymity

23. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
24. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
25. su_____se-filled movie *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
26. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
27. non_____on movie *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
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29. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
30. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
31. ha_____s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate

ANSWERS: 23. drone, 24. blur, 25. suspense, 26. twit, 27. nonfiction, 28. suspense, 29. Renaissance, 30. protagonist, 31. hapless

32. me_____or between two sides *n.* a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
33. ex_____ve pronoun *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
34. non_____on account *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

ANSWERS: 32. mediator, 33. expletive, 34. nonfiction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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2. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
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3. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
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ANSWERS: 1. anonymity, 2. renaissance, 3. twit, 4. lingo, 5. tweet, 6. blur, 7. nonfiction

8. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.
v. to reach a peak or climax
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12. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
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15. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
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ANSWERS: 8. culminate, 9. suspense, 10. drone, 11. mediator's, 12. protagonist's, 13. storytelling, 14. hapless, 15. homage

16. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an _____ in pain.

- n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

17. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.

- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

ANSWERS: 16. expletive, 17. parody