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Session 1: Word List

- alto** *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano
(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo
The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.
- homemaking** *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
synonym: housekeeping, domestic management
(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools
Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
- sibling** *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
synonym: brother, sister, relative
(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

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.

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.

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

quadriplegia

n. paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region

(1) **quadriplegia** patients, (2) **quadriplegia** care

After the accident, he had **quadriplegia** and could not move his arms or legs.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

willow

n. a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

synonym : willow, osier, saugh

(1) weeping **willow**, (2) **willow** overhanging the bank

Under the **willow** tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym : substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** costs

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym : impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

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.

bedridden

adj. unable to move or leave one's bed for a prolonged period of time due to illness, injury, or disability

synonym : immobile, bedfast, paralyzed

(1) **bedridden** with illness, (2) long-term **bedridden**

The **bedridden** patient required round-the-clock care from a team of doctors and nurses.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

oculist

n. a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist

synonym : optician, eye doctor, ophthalmologist

(1) skilled **oculist**, (2) pediatric **oculist**

My grandmother visited the renowned **oculist** for her annual eye examination.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

walrus

n. a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions

synonym: seal, sea lion, marine mammal

(1) **walrus** mustache, (2) **walrus** habitat

The Arctic **walrus** lounged on the beach, basking in the sun.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

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.

acuity

n. the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing

synonym: sharpness, clarity, precision

(1) mental **acuity**, (2) hearing **acuity**

The optometrist tested my visual **acuity** by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. hearing ac___y | <i>n.</i> the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing |
| 2. qua_____gia patients | <i>n.</i> paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region |
| 3. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 4. wa___s mustache | <i>n.</i> a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions |
| 5. ro_____c guide operation | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots |
| 6. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 7. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 8. fa_____te the young | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 9. completely im_____e the ingredient | <i>v.</i> to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered |

ANSWERS: 1. acuity, 2. quadriplegia, 3. sibling, 4. walrus, 5. robotic, 6. excite, 7. excite, 8. fascinate, 9. immerse

10. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
11. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
12. a__o saxophone *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
13. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
14. 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
15. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
16. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
17. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
18. be_____en with illness *adj.* unable to move or leave one's bed for a prolonged period of time due to illness, injury, or disability
19. su_____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 10. sweetheart, 11. robotic, 12. alto, 13. mute, 14. germ, 15. surrogate, 16. unthinkable, 17. hoop, 18. bedridden, 19. surrogate

20. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
21. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
22. traditional hom_____ng skills *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
23. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
24. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
25. pediatric oc_____t *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
26. long-term be_____en *adj.* unable to move or leave one's bed for a prolonged period of time due to illness, injury, or disability
27. weeping wi___w *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
28. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
29. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 20. sibling, 21. mute, 22. homemaking, 23. rift, 24. shave, 25. oculist, 26. bedridden, 27. willow, 28. shave, 29. fascinate

30. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
31. im____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
32. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
33. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
34. skilled oc____t *n.* a medical professional who specializes in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the eye; an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
35. swe____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
36. mental ac____y *n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing
37. qua____gia care *n.* paralysis of all four limbs and the torso, usually resulting from injury to the spinal cord in the neck region
38. hom____ng tools *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

ANSWERS: 30. amaze, 31. immerse, 32. hoop, 33. drone, 34. oculist, 35. sweetheart, 36. acuity, 37. quadriplegia, 38. homemaking

39. wa___s habitat *n.* a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions
40. wi___w overhanging the bank *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
41. an a__o solo *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
42. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
43. 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
44. 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
45. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
46. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

ANSWERS: 39. walrus, 40. willow, 41. alto, 42. rift, 43. drone, 44. germ, 45. amaze, 46. unthinkable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
2. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.
adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
4. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
5. I can always rely on my _____ to lift my mood when feeling down.
n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
6. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
7. The optometrist tested my visual _____ by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.
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8. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
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ANSWERS: 1. shave, 2. mute, 3. excited, 4. unthinkable, 5. sweetheart, 6. amazed, 7. acuity, 8. rift

9. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
10. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
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ANSWERS: 9. fascinated, 10. drone, 11. robotic, 12. siblings, 13. hoop, 14. oculist, 15. Homemaking, 16. walrus

17. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
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22. Under the _____ tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.
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23. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
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ANSWERS: 17. immersed, 18. germ, 19. bedridden, 20. alto, 21. quadriplegia, 22. willow, 23. surrogate

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