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Session 1: Word List

sear

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

synonym : scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind

Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

- ram** v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
synonym: crash, collide, slam
(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.
- morphology** n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
synonym: structure, form, anatomy
(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**
The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
- crayon** n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw
(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books
The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.
- animate** v. to make something full of interest and energy
synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven
(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul
The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.
- pollinator** n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
synonym: fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier
(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**
Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

synonym: breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___e to death
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
2. st____d duties
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
3. su_____ro comics
n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
4. po_____e the air
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
5. st__p off to the room
v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
6. po_____te plants
v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

ANSWERS: 1. starve, 2. steward, 3. superhero, 4. pollute, 5. stomp, 6. pollinate

7. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
8. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
9. cellular mor_____gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
10. pol_____or species *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
11. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
12. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
13. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
14. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
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ANSWERS: 7. sprinkler, 8. animate, 9. morphology, 10. pollinator, 11. ram, 12. corruptible, 13. inhale, 14. crayon, 15. morphology

34. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
35. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
36. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
37. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
38. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
39. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
40. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 34. stomp, 35. animate, 36. corruptible, 37. sew, 38. ram, 39. steward, 40. crayon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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7. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.
v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. steward, 3. sew, 4. superhero, 5. stomped, 6. pollute, 7. inhaled

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ANSWERS: 8. animated, 9. morphology, 10. pollinate, 11. roared, 12. starve, 13. sprinkler, 14. corruptible, 15. crayons

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- v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
19. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
20. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
- v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

ANSWERS: 16. pollinators, 17. sear, 18. grind, 19. medicinal, 20. rammed