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Session 1: Word List

marksman

n. a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting

synonym: sharpshooter, sniper, shooter

(1) **marksman** sniper, (2) skilled **marksman**

The sniper proved an exceptional **marksman**, taking down his targets from a distance.

bandit

n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

synonym: robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

crossbow

n. a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger

synonym: bow, arrow gun, slingshot

(1) medieval **crossbow**, (2) **crossbow** bolts

The hunter aimed his **crossbow** at the deer in the forest.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a

traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

bullseye

n. the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve

synonym : target, mark, aim

(1) **bullseye** target, (2) miss the **bullseye**

The archer hit the **bullseye** with perfect precision from 50 yards away.

tremor

n. a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating

synonym : shaking, quivering, trembling

(1) a **tremor** of delight, (2) **tremor** frequency

The bad **tremor** caused several buildings to collapse.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym : sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements
It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis
Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface
There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

ellipse

n. a closed curve with a shape resembling a stretched circle; in geometry, a figure formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane, where the plane cuts through both halves of the cone

synonym: oval, oblong, curve

(1) Kepler's **ellipse**, (2) planetary **ellipse**
He used the **ellipse** equation to calculate the dimensions of the oval-shaped garden.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision
The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

gale

n. a very strong wind, typically with gusts of more than 32 knots (approx. 37 mph or 60 km/h); a storm characterized by such winds

synonym : storm, tempest, hurricane

(1) violent **gale**, (2) **gale** warning

The **gale** force winds caused trees to topple and power lines to fall.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

Session 2: Spelling

1. make dr____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
2. cr____r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
3. a tr____r of delight *n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
4. mic____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
5. wo____e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
6. Ma____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
7. jazz imp____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
8. ca____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
9. notorious ba____t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

ANSWERS: 1. drastic, 2. crater, 3. tremor, 4. microscopic, 5. wobble, 6. Martian, 7. improvisation, 8. calibrate, 9. bandit

10. medieval cr____ow *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
11. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
12. ma____an sniper *n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting
13. miss the bu____ye *n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
14. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
15. skilled ma____an *n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting
16. planetary el____e *n.* a closed curve with a shape resembling a stretched circle; in geometry, a figure formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane, where the plane cuts through both halves of the cone
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ANSWERS: 10. crossbow, 11. improvisation, 12. marksman, 13. bullseye, 14. spit, 15. marksman, 16. ellipse, 17. gale, 18. gale

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ANSWERS: 29. crossbow, 30. Martian, 31. ellipse, 32. crater

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. bandits, 2. calibrate, 3. tremor, 4. crater, 5. ellipse, 6. marksman, 7. improvisation

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ANSWERS: 8. Martian, 9. spit, 10. peasant, 11. bullseye, 12. gale, 13. wobbled, 14. microscopic, 15. crossbow

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adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 16. drastic