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Session 1: Word List

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym: ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

mulberry

n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree

(1) **mulberry** juice, (2) **mulberry** jam

The **mulberry** tree in my backyard produces delicious fruit every summer.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

silkworm

n. the larva of a moth of the *Bombyx* genus that spins a cocoon of silk to encase itself while it transforms into a pupa; the silk fibers can be harvested and used to make fabric, such as silk

synonym : silk spinner

(1) **silkworm** larvae, (2) **silkworm** breeding

The **silkworm's** cocoon contains the silk fibers used to make luxurious fabrics.

soundproof

v. to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it

synonym : insulate, muffle, dampen

(1) **soundproof** room, (2) **soundproof** material

The walls of the recording studio were **soundproofed** to eliminate outside noise.

expressway

n. a high-speed divided highway designed for fast traffic, typically with limited access points and no intersections

synonym : highway, express lane, motorway

(1) **expressway** exit, (2) **expressway** construction

The new **expressway** has eased traffic congestion in the city.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

extracurricular

adj. outside the regular curriculum or program of courses

synonym : non-academic, non-curricular, outside

(1) **extracurricular** study, (2) **extracurricular** club

He was heavily involved in **extracurricular** activities and was president of the debate club.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

sickle

n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

synonym : scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

sawdust

n. fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

synonym : wood shavings, particles, fragments

(1) **sawdust** on the floor, (2) mountain of **sawdust**

The woodworker used a saw to create **sawdust** while making the chair.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym : roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

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.

premeditated

adj. planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance

synonym : preplanned, calculated, deliberate

(1) **premeditated** crime, (2) **premeditated** scheme

The defendant was charged with **premeditated** murder.

arson

n. the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings

synonym : fire-setting, incendiarism, pyromania

(1) **arson** attack, (2) deliberate **arson**

The police are investigating the **arson** that destroyed the abandoned building.

springy

adj. resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active

synonym : elastic, resilient, bouncy

(1) a **springy** step, (2) **springy** floor

The **springy** mattress provided a comfortable night's sleep.

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym : internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym: tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym: fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

tendon

n. a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone

synonym: tissue, sinew, ligament

(1) **tendon** grafting, (2) **tendon** collagen

Tendon injuries are common among athletes.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Session 2: Spelling

1. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
2. mu____ry jam *n.* a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
3. creep dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
4. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
5. pre____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
6. sou____of room *v.* to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it
7. re____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
8. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
9. in___d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

ANSWERS: 1. sinew, 2. mulberry, 3. downstairs, 4. ancestor, 5. prehistoric, 6. soundproof, 7. resilient, 8. instinct, 9. inward

10. si___e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
11. si_____rm breeding *n.* the larva of a moth of the Bombyx genus that spins a cocoon of silk to encase itself while it transforms into a pupa; the silk fibers can be harvested and used to make fabric, such as silk
12. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
13. te___n collagen *n.* a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone
14. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
15. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
16. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
17. ext_____lar study *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
18. sp_____y floor *adj.* resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active

ANSWERS: 10. sickle, 11. silkworm, 12. olympiad, 13. tendon, 14. sneak, 15. sinew, 16. consolation, 17. extracurricular, 18. springy

19. harvest si___e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
20. te___n grafting *n.* a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone
21. pre_____ted crime *adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
22. in___d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
23. a letter of con_____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
24. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
25. summer ol___ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
26. sou_____of material *v.* to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it
27. si_____rm larvae *n.* the larva of a moth of the Bombyx genus that spins a cocoon of silk to encase itself while it transforms into a pupa; the silk fibers can be harvested and used to make fabric, such as silk

ANSWERS: 19. sickle, 20. tendon, 21. premeditated, 22. inward, 23. consolation, 24. prehistoric, 25. olympiad, 26. soundproof, 27. silkworm

28. ar__n attack *n.* the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings
29. exp_____ay construction *n.* a high-speed divided highway designed for fast traffic, typically with limited access points and no intersections
30. a sp_____y step *adj.* resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active
31. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
32. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
33. exp_____ay exit *n.* a high-speed divided highway designed for fast traffic, typically with limited access points and no intersections
34. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
35. ext_____lar club *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
36. sa_____t on the floor *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
37. mountain of sa_____t *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

ANSWERS: 28. arson, 29. expressway, 30. springy, 31. mend, 32. dynasty, 33. expressway, 34. downstairs, 35. extracurricular, 36. sawdust, 37. sawdust

38. mu____ry juice *n.* a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
39. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
40. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
41. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
42. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
43. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. ro_____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
45. pre_____ted scheme *adj.* planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
46. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 38. mulberry, 39. unconventional, 40. unconventional, 41. sneak, 42. resilient, 43. opportune, 44. rooftop, 45. premeditated, 46. mend, 47. opportune

48. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
49. ro____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
50. dy____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
51. aggressive in____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
52. deliberate ar__n *n.* the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings

ANSWERS: 48. ancestor, 49. rooftop, 50. dynasty, 51. instinct, 52. arson

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The blade of the _____ glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.
n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
2. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
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3. The _____ mattress provided a comfortable night's sleep.
adj. resilient; elastic; (of movements) light and confidently active
4. The woodworker used a saw to create _____ while making the chair.
n. fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
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6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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7. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.
v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 1. sickle, 2. olympiad, 3. springy, 4. sawdust, 5. silkworm's, 6. opportune, 7. mended

8. The _____ tree in my backyard produces delicious fruit every summer.
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9. The defendant was charged with _____ murder.
adj. planned or considered in advance; done with deliberate intention or forethought; prepared or arranged in advance
10. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.
adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
11. Please get the desk _____.
adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
12. The police are investigating the _____ that destroyed the abandoned building.
n. the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property or buildings
13. The new _____ has eased traffic congestion in the city.
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18. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.
n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
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n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
20. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
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21. He was heavily involved in _____ activities and was president of the debate club.
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22. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
23. Your company has been a great _____ to me.
n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

ANSWERS: 16. soundproofed, 17. prehistorical, 18. rooftop, 19. sinew, 20. ancestor, 21. extracurricular, 22. instinct, 23. consolation

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n. a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone

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ANSWERS: 24. Tendon, 25. resilient, 26. dynasty,