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Session 1: Word List

- elk**
- n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
- synonym* : moose, deer, stag
- (1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting
- We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
- brownie**
- n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
- synonym* : bar, cake, square
- (1) earn **Brownie** points, (2) **brownie** recipe
- She baked a batch of chocolate chip **brownies** for the office party.
- timelapse**
- n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
- (1) **timelapse** photography, (2) capture **timelapse** footage
- The **timelapse** video beautifully captured the changing

seasons over a year.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

synonym: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

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.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym: eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud

rev.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

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.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle
I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 2. pre_____on to authority | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 3. e_k hunting | <i>n.</i> a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size |
| 4. oc___e range | <i>n.</i> a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale |
| 5. rich in nu___e | <i>n.</i> a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc. |
| 6. e_k population | <i>n.</i> a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size |
| 7. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 8. fa___m the mystery | <i>v.</i> to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water |
| 9. oc___e key | <i>n.</i> a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale |

ANSWERS: 1. ancestor, 2. pretension, 3. elk, 4. octave, 5. nuance, 6. elk, 7. narrator, 8. fathom, 9. octave

10. a no____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
11. subtle cultural nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
12. ti____se photography *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
13. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
14. se____e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
15. earn Br____e points *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
16. cu____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
17. 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

ANSWERS: 10. nonstop, 11. nuance, 12. timelapse, 13. rev, 14. seduce, 15. brownie, 16. cultivate, 17. immerse

18. completely im_____e the ingredient *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
19. no_____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
20. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
21. a water fa____t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
22. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
23. fa____m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
24. fa____t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
25. br_____e recipe *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
26. se____e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
27. capture ti_____se footage *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

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28. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
29. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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