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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

venerable

adj. deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.

synonym: respected, esteemed, revered

(1) **venerable** tradition, (2) a **venerable** old man

He is the newly appointed CEO to revamp the **venerable** apparel brand.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's

final seconds.

normalcy

n. the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations

synonym : normality, regularity, routine

(1) move closer to **normalcy**, (2) maintain **normalcy**

After a long period of chaos, they longed to return to **normalcy**.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

vaudeville

n. a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers

synonym : variety show, burlesque, comedy

(1) **vaudeville** comedian, (2) classic **vaudeville**

The **vaudeville** show had the audience in stitches with its comedic acts.

excrement

n. the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract

synonym : waste, feces, dung

(1) animal **excrement**, (2) human **excrement**

As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's **excrement** is responsible.

gesticulate

v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey

emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

synonym: signal, indicate, gesture

(1) **gesticulate** to communicate with friends, (2) **gesticulate** with his hands

The speaker **gesticulated** wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. classic vau_____le | <i>n.</i> a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers |
| 2. ubi_____us computing | <i>adj.</i> being or existing everywhere at once |
| 3. de____t a scene | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 4. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 5. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 6. a g__m-free environment | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 7. human ex_____nt | <i>n.</i> the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract |
| 8. re_____e over a victory | <i>v.</i> to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event |

ANSWERS: 1. vaudeville, 2. ubiquitous, 3. depict, 4. storytelling, 5. recycle, 6. germ, 7. excrement, 8. rejoice

9. sn___h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
10. animal ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
11. ve_____le tradition *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
12. maintain no_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations
13. a ve_____le old man *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
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16. move closer to no_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations
17. ges_____te with his hands *v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

ANSWERS: 9. snatch, 10. excrement, 11. venerable, 12. normalcy, 13. venerable, 14. snatch, 15. germ, 16. normalcy, 17. gesticulate

18. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
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24. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After a long period of chaos, they longed to return to _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. venerable, 9. storytelling, 10. depicted, 11. rejoice, 12. ubiquitous