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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.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

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.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

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**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

pop-up

n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

synonym: appearance, temporary, (verb) emerge

(1) **pop-up** ad, (2) **pop-up** notification

The **pop-up** store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

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

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

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.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

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.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym: air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

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.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

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.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

unchanged

adj. not altered, modified, or varied in any way

synonym : unaltered, constant

(1) **unchanged** routine, (2) **unchanged** from the previous month

The company's policy remained **unchanged** despite the criticism.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention

In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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. op__a performance | <i>n.</i> a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken |
| 2. an arrival pl_____rm | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed |
| 3. the no_____y of an invention | <i>n.</i> the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual |
| 4. de___t a feeling of isolation | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 5. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <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 |
| 6. g__b an opportunity | <i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way |
| 7. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed |
| 8. ges_____te to communicate with friends | <i>v.</i> 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: 1. opera, 2. platform, 3. novelty, 4. depict, 5. germ, 6. grab, 7. platform, 8. gesticulate

9. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
10. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
11. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
12. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
13. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
14. a photo st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
15. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
16. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
17. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
18. vau_____le comedian *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

ANSWERS: 9. invention, 10. opera, 11. amazing, 12. ubiquitous, 13. hunt, 14. studio, 15. recycle, 16. cave, 17. device, 18. vaudeville

19. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
20. de___e on a course of action
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
21. in_____et the question
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
22. music st___o
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
23. an air-cooled en___e
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
24. 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
25. with de_____t
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
26. con_____on center
n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
27. ev___e
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
28. sp_____ng machine
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

ANSWERS: 19. communicate, 20. decide, 21. interpret, 22. studio, 23. engine, 24. gesticulate, 25. delight, 26. convention, 27. evolve, 28. spinning

29. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
30. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
31. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
32. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
33. classic vau_____le *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
34. un_____ed routine *adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
35. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
36. a g__m-free environment *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

ANSWERS: 29. depict, 30. spirit, 31. engine, 32. evolve, 33. vaudeville, 34. unchanged, 35. consistent, 36. germ

37. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
38. ve_____le tradition *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
39. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
40. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
41. po___p ad *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
42. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
43. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
44. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
45. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
46. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
47. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 37. grab, 38. venerable, 39. invention, 40. celebrate, 41. pop-up, 42. infinite, 43. broadcast, 44. decide, 45. storytelling, 46. survive, 47. storytelling

48. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
49. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
50. a ve_____le old man *adj.* deserving respect because they are old, important, wise, etc.
51. human ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
52. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
53. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
54. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
55. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
56. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
57. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 48. consistent, 49. refuse, 50. venerable, 51. excrement, 52. rejoice, 53. convention, 54. pause, 55. cave, 56. refuse, 57. spirit

58. animal ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
59. sn____h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
60. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
61. bit of a no_____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
62. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
63. bo____g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
64. sp_____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
65. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
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67. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
68. 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

ANSWERS: 58. excrement, 59. snatch, 60. recycle, 61. novelty, 62. pause, 63. boring, 64. spinning, 65. infinite, 66. unchanged, 67. delight, 68. normalcy

69. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
70. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
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75. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
76. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
77. sn___h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
78. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
79. 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
80. po___p notification *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

ANSWERS: 69. hunt, 70. communicate, 71. device, 72. survive, 73. interpret, 74. ubiquitous, 75. amazing, 76. broadcast, 77. snatch, 78. boring, 79. normalcy, 80. pop-up

81. ce_____te Christmas

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

82. re_____e over a victory

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

ANSWERS: 81. celebrate, 82. rejoice

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
2. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
3. Different people might _____ this news differently.
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v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television
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16. He is the newly appointed CEO to revamp the _____ apparel brand.
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ANSWERS: 9. excrement, 10. spinning, 11. broadcast, 12. studio, 13. decide, 14. spirit, 15. pop-up, 16. venerable

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ANSWERS: 25. infinite, 26. conventions, 27. communicate, 28. gesticulated, 29. novelty, 30. germ, 31. grab, 32. hunt

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