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Session 1: Word List

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular

location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

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.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym : quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

emote

v. to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions

synonym : express, communicate, convey

(1) **emote** salute, (2) **emote** through art

The actor could **emote** a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.

falsehood

n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

synonym: lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

verisimilitude

n. the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true

synonym: realism, authenticity, believability

(1) **verisimilitude** effect, (2) **verisimilitude** atmosphere

The film's **verisimilitude** to real-life events was praised by critics and audiences alike.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking

on the space mission.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

gantry

n. a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system

synonym: overhead crane, bridge crane, hoist

(1) ship **gantry**, (2) **gantry** system

The construction crew used a **gantry** crane to lift heavy equipment.

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym : magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries
The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

baron

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
synonym: nobleman, lord, peer

(1) media **baron**, (2) the domain of a **baron**
The **baron's** castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**
The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

buster

n. a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
synonym: breaker, destroyer, crusher

(1) crime- **buster**, (2) bug **buster**
The stress- **buster** meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.

slapstick

n. a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

synonym : farce, comedy, humor

(1) **slapstick** comedy, (2) **slapstick** performance

The classic comedy routine was filled with **slapstick** humor.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym : support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

snug

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

synonym : cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

Session 2: Spelling

1. emotional cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
2. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
3. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
4. ha_____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
5. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
6. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
7. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
8. palpable fa_____od *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

ANSWERS: 1. climax, 2. incidentally, 3. daunting, 4. haunting, 5. brace, 6. extinguish, 7. confluence, 8. falsehood

9. bug bu___r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
10. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
11. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
12. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
13. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
14. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
15. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
16. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
17. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
18. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 9. buster, 10. stunt, 11. infuse, 12. astronaut, 13. odyssey, 14. homage, 15. astronaut, 16. recreate, 17. converse, 18. homage

19. s__g blanket *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
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 ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
22. ver_____ude atmosphere *n.* the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true
23. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
24. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
25. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
26. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
27. ti_____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

ANSWERS: 19. snug, 20. pretension, 21. haunting, 22. verisimilitude, 23. clap, 24. creditor, 25. confluence, 26. wreck, 27. titanic

28. reach a cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
29. ver_____ude effect *n.* the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true
30. ga___y system *n.* a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system
31. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
32. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
33. ship ga___y *n.* a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system
34. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
35. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
36. s__g little house *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
37. sl_____ck comedy *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

ANSWERS: 28. climax, 29. verisimilitude, 30. gantry, 31. disbelief, 32. awe-inspiring, 33. gantry, 34. wreck, 35. bury, 36. snug, 37. slapstick

38. em__e salute *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
39. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
41. ti_____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
42. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
43. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
44. media ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
45. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
46. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
47. crime-bu____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken

ANSWERS: 38. emote, 39. excite, 40. disbelief, 41. titanic, 42. clap, 43. vault, 44. baron, 45. creditor, 46. recreate, 47. buster

48. the domain of a ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
49. a me_____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
50. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
51. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
52. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
53. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
54. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
55. around the pe_____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
56. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
57. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
58. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 48. baron, 49. mediocre, 50. bury, 51. incidentally, 52. daunting, 53. conjure, 54. odyssey, 55. periphery, 56. extinguish, 57. pretension, 58. brace

59. spread fa_____ods *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
60. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
61. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
62. sl_____ck performance *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
63. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
64. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
65. em___e through art *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
66. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
67. awe_____ing painting *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
68. va__t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 59. falsehood, 60. conjure, 61. converse, 62. slapstick, 63. stunt, 64. excite, 65. emote, 66. infuse, 67. awe-inspiring, 68. vault

69. me____re performance

adj. of only average quality; not very good

70. pe____ry countries

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

ANSWERS: 69. mediocre, 70. periphery

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
2. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
3. We _____ along with the singer's song.
v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
4. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
5. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally
6. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.
n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
7. The actor could _____ a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.
v. to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 1. conjured, 2. haunting, 3. clapped, 4. recreated, 5. converse, 6. stunt, 7. emote

8. The factory was located on the city's _____ away from residential areas.
n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
9. The moment the glacier collapses is an _____ sight.
adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
10. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
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11. The stress-_____ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.
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12. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
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13. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
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14. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
15. The classic comedy routine was filled with _____ humor.
n. a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

ANSWERS: 8. periphery, 9. awe-inspiring, 10. daunting, 11. buster, 12. pretensions, 13. confluence, 14. astronaut, 15. slapstick

16. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
17. The construction crew used a _____ crane to lift heavy equipment.
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v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
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n. the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true

ANSWERS: 16. excited, 17. gantry, 18. baron's, 19. bury, 20. creditor, 21. brace, 22. extinguish, 23. verisimilitude

24. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

25. The baby was fast asleep in his _____ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

26. _____ I know the answer to that question.

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adj. of only average quality; not very good

ANSWERS: 24. odyssey, 25. snug, 26. Incidentally, 27. falsehoods, 28. vault, 29. disbelief, 30. titanic, 31. mediocre

32. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
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33. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
34. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
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35. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
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ANSWERS: 32. climax, 33. homage, 34. infused, 35. wreck