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Session 1: Word List

- roar** v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
synonym: bellow, yell, shout
(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more
The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
- retell** v. to tell someone about something again or differently
synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate
(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale
He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.
- doe** n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.
- quo** n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym: status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status

quo.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

ordeal

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

synonym: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness
Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together
synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

tryout

n. a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role

synonym: audition, test, trial

(1) **tryout** audition, (2) sports **tryout**

She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading **tryouts**, hoping to make the team.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re___l an old tale | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently |
| 2. str_____en a crooked picture | <i>v.</i> to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned |
| 3. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 4. re___l a story | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently |
| 5. s__y a dragon | <i>v.</i> to kill violently, especially with a weapon |
| 6. emotional or___l | <i>n.</i> a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience |
| 7. r__r for more | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine |
| 8. in a ta___e | <i>n.</i> a confused mass of something twisted together |
| 9. ri___e me a riddle | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game |
| 10. s__y civilians | <i>v.</i> to kill violently, especially with a weapon |
| 11. str_____en out a problem | <i>v.</i> to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned |

ANSWERS: 1. retell, 2. straighten, 3. quo, 4. retell, 5. slay, 6. ordeal, 7. roar, 8. tangle, 9. riddle, 10. slay, 11. straighten

12. sports tr___t *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
13. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
14. dance au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
15. tr___t audition *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
16. ou____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
17. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
18. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
19. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
20. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
21. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 12. tryout, 13. doe, 14. audition, 15. tryout, 16. outgrow, 17. riddle, 18. roar, 19. doe, 20. quo, 21. aft

22. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
23. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
24. co____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
25. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
26. music au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
27. re___n identity *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
28. re___n soul *adj.* brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
29. ou____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
30. or___l by fire *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

ANSWERS: 22. aft, 23. conquer, 24. conquer, 25. tangle, 26. audition, 27. reborn, 28. reborn, 29. outgrow, 30. ordeal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a _____ person with a new perspective on life.
adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
2. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
3. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.
v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
4. She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading _____ hoping to make the team.
n. a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
5. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
6. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
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7. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
n. a confused mass of something twisted together
8. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

ANSWERS: 1. reborn, 2. roared, 3. outgrow, 4. tryouts, 5. conquer, 6. aft, 7. tangled, 8. slayed

9. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.
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ANSWERS: 9. audition, 10. retells, 11. riddle, 12. doe, 13. quo, 14. ordeal, 15. straighten