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Session 1: Word List

elementary

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

synonym: fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

Elementary school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym: piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

decimal

adj. based on or counted in the number 10

synonym: base-10, denary, ten-based

(1) **decimal** system, (2) an infinite **decimal**

The **decimal** point separates the whole number from the fractional part.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

partition

n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

synonym: divider, screen, panel

(1) **partition** wall, (2) hard drive **partition**

We must install a **partition** to separate the living room from the dining area.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym: platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

quartet

n. a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

synonym : ensemble, group, four

(1) string **quartet**, (2) jazz **quartet**

The **quartet** played a beautiful piece of music together.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

synonym : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

loaf

n. a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

synonym : bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day

On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

toast

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

pastry

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

synonym : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. run a gr____y | <i>n.</i> a shop that sells food and other household items |
| 2. a fr____onal share of the vote | <i>n.</i> a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers |
| 3. pa____y chef | <i>n.</i> a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes |
| 4. pa_____on wall | <i>n.</i> a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections |
| 5. s__t beliefs | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 6. ba_____ue sauce | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |
| 7. drink a to__t | <i>n.</i> slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even |

ANSWERS: 1. grocery, 2. fraction, 3. pastry, 4. partition, 5. sect, 6. barbecue, 7. toast

8. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
9. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
10. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
11. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
12. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
13. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
14. de____l system *adj.* based on or counted in the number 10
15. jazz qu____t *n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
16. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
17. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 8. slice, 9. deck, 10. toast, 11. bakery, 12. ken, 13. ken, 14. decimal, 15. quartet, 16. bunch, 17. sect

18. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
19. ba___y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
20. crusty l__f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
21. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
22. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
23. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
24. hard drive pa_____on *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
25. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 18. represent, 19. bakery, 20. loaf, 21. split, 22. grocery, 23. jazz, 24. partition, 25. jazz

26. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
27. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
28. an infinite de_____l *adj.* based on or counted in the number 10
29. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
30. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
31. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
32. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
33. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
34. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
35. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 26. bunch, 27. barbecue, 28. decimal, 29. compose, 30. represent, 31. compose, 32. split, 33. slice, 34. fraction, 35. mathematics

36. ele_____ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
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40. fruit pa___y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
41. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
42. l__f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

ANSWERS: 36. elementary, 37. elementary, 38. quartet, 39. deck, 40. pastry, 41. mathematics, 42. loaf

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
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