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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.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

pixie

n. a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature

synonym: imp, fairy, sprite

(1) whimsical **pixie**, (2) **pixie-like** figure

The little girl dressed up as a mischievous **pixie** for Halloween.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural

reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

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.

neurobiology

n. a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion

synonym: brain science, neural science, neurology

(1) **neurobiology** research, (2) cellular **neurobiology**

The professor's research in **neurobiology** has led to groundbreaking discoveries in the field of brain science.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym: agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym : outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy
He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

sharpie

n. a type of hard-chined sailboat with a flat bottom, extremely shallow draft, centerboards, and straight, flaring sides; a brand name for a type of permanent marker pen with a pointed tip, typically known for its ability to create bold and long-lasting markings on various surfaces

synonym : boat, marker, pen

(1) **sharpie** marker, (2) **sharpie-style** sailboat

He spent the summer restoring an old **sharpie** boat in his grandfather's barn.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym : passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

pollack

n. (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

(1) **pollack** fillet, (2) Alaska **pollack**

The restaurant serves a delicious **pollack** stew.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

bravery *n.* courage in the face of danger
synonym : courage, valor, heroism
(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire
His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

imperfectly *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily
(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease
He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

mammography *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
synonym : breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray
(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**
Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

betray *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
synonym : fail, denounce, display
(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence
He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

allegiance *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
synonym : loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

slug

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

(1) lazy **slug**, (2) reduce **slug** damage

I spotted a giant **slug** in the rain garden.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

obese

adj. excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

synonym: overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

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.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym: help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

rodeo

n. a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

(1) **rodeo** bull, (2) **rodeo** championship

The bull rider held on tightly during the **rodeo** event.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. avoid climate cat_____he | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune |
| 2. exc_____ing embarrassment | <i>adj.</i> extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering |
| 3. ha_____ed connection | <i>adj.</i> built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics |
| 4. a s__m battle | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 5. su___e leather | <i>adj.</i> flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas |
| 6. chant the ma___a of structural reform | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation |
| 7. be___y confidence | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |
| 8. issue a w__t | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 9. campaign ma___a | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation |

ANSWERS: 1. catastrophe, 2. excruciating, 3. hardwired, 4. sham, 5. supple, 6. mantra, 7. betray, 8. writ, 9. mantra

10. ou____rt a conspiracy *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
11. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
12. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
13. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
14. ou____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
15. ob__e children *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
16. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
17. po____k fillet *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
18. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 10. outsmart, 11. storytelling, 12. betray, 13. supple, 14. outsmart, 15. obese, 16. writ, 17. pollack, 18. opportune, 19. empathy

20. ba____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
21. reduce s__g damage *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
22. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
23. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
24. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
25. pi__e-like figure *n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature
26. whimsical pi__e *n.* a mythical creature, often depicted as a small, mischievous, and playful fairy-like being with pointed ears, sometimes associated with forests or nature
27. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
28. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

ANSWERS: 20. bailout, 21. slug, 22. heartbreak, 23. heartbreak, 24. deconstruct, 25. pixie, 26. pixie, 27. numb, 28. unravel

29. ro__o bull *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
30. cellular neu_____ogy *n.* a field of biology that studies the structure, function, and development of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves encompassing a wide range of research topics, including the molecular and cellular processes involved in neural signaling, the organization of neural circuits, and the neural basis of behavior, cognition, and emotion
31. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
32. sh_____e marker *n.* a type of hard-chined sailboat with a flat bottom, extremely shallow draft, centerboards, and straight, flaring sides; a brand name for a type of permanent marker pen with a pointed tip, typically known for its ability to create bold and long-lasting markings on various surfaces
33. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
34. ob__e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

ANSWERS: 29. rodeo, 30. neurobiology, 31. awaken, 32. sharpie, 33. slug, 34. obese

35. ro__o championship *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
36. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
37. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
38. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
39. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
40. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
41. ha_____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
42. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
43. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
44. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
45. digital mam_____hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
46. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

ANSWERS: 35. rodeo, 36. wholehearted, 37. catastrophe, 38. bravery, 39. excruciating, 40. excite, 41. hardwired, 42. insecure, 43. bravery, 44. insecure, 45. mammography, 46. imperfectly

47. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
48. diagnostic mam_____hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
49. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
50. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
51. Alaska po_____k *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
52. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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54. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
55. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

ANSWERS: 47. awaken, 48. mammography, 49. addict, 50. underpin, 51. pollack, 52. empathy, 53. sharpie, 54. storytelling, 55. underpin

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ANSWERS: 56. wholehearted, 57. deconstruct, 58. bailout, 59. opportune, 60.

pretension, 61. pretension, 62. sham, 63. neurobiology

64. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
65. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
66. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
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68. un_____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
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ANSWERS: 64. numb, 65. excite, 66. birthplace, 67. imperfectly, 68. unravel, 69. birthplace, 70. addict, 71. allegiance, 72. allegiance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Women should get regular _____ screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.
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 - v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
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