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Session 1: Word List

retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

synonym: edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym : empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym : tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym: fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways
He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

discolor

v. to change color or become discolored, often as a result of exposure to sunlight, chemicals, or the aging process

synonym: stain, tint

(1) **discolor** urine, (2) cause teeth to **discolor**

The sun had **discolored** the curtains, making them look faded.

delicacy

n. something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations

synonym: delectable, daintiness, refinement

(1) **delicacy** of flavor, (2) seafood **delicacy**

She enjoyed the **delicacy** of the French cuisine at the fancy restaurant.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

kimono

n. a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash

synonym : robe, gown, dress

(1) silk **kimono**, (2) wear a **kimono**

She looked stunning in her traditional Japanese **kimono** dress.

time-consuming

adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

synonym : lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

synonym : deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym : revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a

modern twist.

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym: alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

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.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____h painting *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
2. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
3. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
4. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
5. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
6. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
7. ba_____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
8. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
9. ev_____te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 1. retouch, 2. passe, 3. reclaim, 4. rot, 5. devastate, 6. siren, 7. bathtub, 8. passe, 9. evacuate

10. un___d the stroller v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
11. video game re___e v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
12. m__d my ways v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
13. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
14. reh_____ate prisoners v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
15. de_____te an area v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
16. ba_____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
17. su_____ge in a liquid v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
18. ev_____te the building v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 10. unfold, 11. remake, 12. mend, 13. aft, 14. rehabilitate, 15. devastate, 16. bathtub, 17. submerge, 18. evacuate

19. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
20. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
21. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
22. st__k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
23. re_____h photo *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
24. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
25. su_____ge my head completely *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
26. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 19. siren, 20. remake, 21. stink, 22. stink, 23. retouch, 24. rehabilitate, 25. submerge, 26. envelop

27. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
28. tim_____ing project *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
29. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
30. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
31. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
32. tim_____ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
33. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
34. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
35. cause teeth to di_____or *v.* to change color or become discolored, often as a result of exposure to sunlight, chemicals, or the aging process
36. di_____or urine *v.* to change color or become discolored, often as a result of exposure to sunlight, chemicals, or the aging process
37. de_____cy of flavor *n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations

ANSWERS: 27. unfold, 28. time-consuming, 29. mend, 30. reclaim, 31. scar, 32. time-consuming, 33. envelop, 34. scar, 35. discolor, 36. discolor, 37. delicacy

38. seafood de____cy *n.* something appealing, refined, or subtle in taste, texture, or appearance; a food item that is considered rare, costly, or requiring special preparation; sensitivity or tact in dealing with others or handling delicate situations
39. examine a ca____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
40. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
41. ca____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
42. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
43. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
44. wear a ki___o *n.* a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
45. silk ki___o *n.* a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
46. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 38. delicacy, 39. carcass, 40. sew, 41. carcass, 42. rot, 43. sew, 44. kimono, 45. kimono, 46. aft

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
 - v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

2. She had her portrait _____ to remove blemishes.
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ANSWERS: 1. rot, 2. retouched, 3. sew, 4. submerged, 5. carcass, 6. remake, 7. evacuate

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ANSWERS: 8. discolored, 9. unfolded, 10. time-consuming, 11. mended, 12. stink, 13. enveloped, 14. reclaim, 15. scar, 16. passe

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