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Session 1: Word List

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym : shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym : rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

furry

adj. covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur

synonym : hairy, fuzzy, feathered

(1) the **furry** skin, (2) have **furry** leaves

The stuffed animal was so **furry** and soft that it was hard to resist hugging it.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

foretell

v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future

synonym: predict, prophesy, forecast

(1) **foretell** the attack, (2) **foretell** the end of the world

The fortune teller was able to **foretell** the future by reading tarot cards.

slipper

n. a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles

synonym: slip-on, mule, loafer

(1) cotton **slipper**, (2) house **slipper**

She wore fuzzy **slippers** to warm her feet on the cold tile floor.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym: impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

duckling

n. a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown

(1) cute **duckling**, (2) abandoned **duckling**

The mother duck led her **ducklings** across the pond to safety.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym: saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym: blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears

He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.

dud

n. any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

synonym: failure, flop, duff

(1) **dud** grenade, (2) **dud** investment

The new product turned out to be a **dud** and could have sold better in the market.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

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.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym: atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

coed

n. (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students

(1) **coed** dormitory, (2) **coed** sports team

I joined a **coed** soccer league to meet new people and improve my skills.

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.

dope

n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

synonym: narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) **dope** scandal, (2) smoking **dope**

He was arrested for possessing illegal **dope**.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral

authority, and control of a property

synonym: male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

flunk

v. to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

synonym: fail, bomb, flop

(1) **flunk** an exam, (2) **flunk** a job interview

He was so ill-prepared that he **flunked** the driving test on his first attempt.

hostage

n. a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

synonym: captive, prisoner, detainee

(1) political **hostage**, (2) **hostage** negotiations

The terrorists took several tourists as **hostages** in a bid to advance their demands.

angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

synonym: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

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**.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

assailant

n. a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group

synonym : attacker, aggressor, assailor

(1) an **assailant** with a knife, (2) masked **assailant**

The victim identified her **assailant** in a police lineup.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

earner

n. an individual who earns money through their work or employment

synonym: breadwinner, provider, supporter

(1) self-employed **earner**, (2) high **earner** tax

As a full-time **earner**, I must work hard to support my family.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym: protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
2. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
3. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
4. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
5. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
6. s__k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
7. fo_____ll the attack *v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
8. an as_____nt with a knife *n.* a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group
9. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 1. heroic, 2. savior, 3. sparkle, 4. heroic, 5. creditor, 6. soak, 7. foretell, 8. assailant, 9. writ

10. c__d sports team *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
11. masked as_____nt *n.* a person who physically attacks or aggressively criticizes another person or group
12. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
13. pat_____hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
14. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
15. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
16. magic w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
17. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
18. political ho_____e *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

ANSWERS: 10. coed, 11. assailant, 12. protagonist, 13. patriarchy, 14. heroine, 15. wink, 16. wand, 17. writ, 18. hostage

19. d__e scandal *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
20. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
21. fo_____ll the end of the world *v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
22. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
23. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
24. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
25. chill v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
26. d_d grenade *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
27. ho_____e negotiations *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

ANSWERS: 19. dope, 20. nudge, 21. foretell, 22. alarming, 23. villain, 24. perseverance, 25. vibe, 26. dud, 27. hostage

28. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
29. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
30. high ea___r tax *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
31. an endless stream of an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
32. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
33. c__d dormitory *n.* (a shortened form of "coeducational") a female student attending a coeducational institution (= an educational establishment where both males and females are taught together in the same environment or classrooms) alongside male students
34. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
35. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
36. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

ANSWERS: 28. patriarchy, 29. numb, 30. earner, 31. angst, 32. phenomenal, 33. coed, 34. prophecy, 35. prophecy, 36. wink

37. d_d investment *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
38. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
39. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
40. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
41. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
42. self-employed ea____r *n.* an individual who earns money through their work or employment
43. house sl_____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
44. security w__d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
45. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
46. cute du_____ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown
47. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

ANSWERS: 37. dud, 38. caregiving, 39. caregiving, 40. creditor, 41. peek, 42. earner, 43. slipper, 44. wand, 45. comp, 46. duckling, 47. villain

48. party v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
49. im____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
50. pl____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
51. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
52. cotton sl____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
53. unwavering per____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
54. smoking d__e *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
55. fl__k an exam *v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

ANSWERS: 48. vibe, 49. imprint, 50. plummet, 51. protagonist, 52. slipper, 53. perseverance, 54. dope, 55. flunk

56. sp____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
57. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
58. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
59. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
60. DNA im____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
61. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
62. tragic he____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
63. s__k away stress *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 56. sparkle, 57. crank, 58. crank, 59. comp, 60. imprint, 61. numb, 62. heroine, 63. soak

64. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
65. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
66. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
67. the fu__y skin *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
68. fl__k a job interview *v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard
69. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
70. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
71. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
72. have fu__y leaves *adj.* covered in fur or a furry material; resembling fur
73. with no an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

ANSWERS: 64. plummet, 65. overthrow, 66. nudge, 67. furry, 68. flunk, 69. phenomenal, 70. overthrow, 71. alarming, 72. furry, 73. angst

74. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
75. pray to the sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
76. abandoned du____ng *n.* a young duck, typically one that is not yet fully grown

ANSWERS: 74. peek, 75. savior, 76. duckling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
2. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
3. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
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ANSWERS: 1. sparkled, 2. writ, 3. protagonist's, 4. furry, 5. comped, 6. slippers, 7. creditor, 8. imprint

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