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Session 1: Word List

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym: dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique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.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

mariner

n. a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship

synonym : sailor, seafarer, navigator

(1) **mariner's** compass, (2) seasoned **mariner**

The experienced **mariner** guided the ship through treacherous waters.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym : incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym : arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance
She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

synonym: sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

scientifically

adv. in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

(1) investigate **scientifically**, (2) **scientifically** explainable

The hypothesis is not yet **scientifically** proven.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

bloated

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

synonym: swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym : isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

shaman

n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

synonym : medicine man, healer, spiritual leader

(1) **shaman's** wisdom, (2) the tribe's **shaman**

The village **shaman** performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.

jest

n. playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark

synonym : joke, laugh, prank

(1) crack a **jest**, (2) a harmless **jest**

His jokes and **jest**s always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym: disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

ablaze

adj. on fire; burning brightly

synonym: burning, alight, on fire

(1) sky **ablaze** with stars, (2) **ablaze** with passion

The building was **ablaze** with fire.

Session 2: Spelling

1. investigate sci_____lly *adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
2. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
3. ma_____r's compass *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
4. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
5. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
6. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
7. un_____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
8. sky ab___e with stars *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
9. tw_____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
10. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 1. scientifically, 2. womb, 3. mariner, 4. terrify, 5. descendant, 6. starve, 7. uncanny, 8. ablaze, 9. twilight, 10. canoe

11. bl____d budget *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
12. sh____n's wisdom *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
13. bl____d feeling *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
14. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
15. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
16. a gl__t in his eye *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
17. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
18. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
19. a strong sense of lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

ANSWERS: 11. bloated, 12. shaman, 13. bloated, 14. womb, 15. synthesize, 16. glint, 17. descendant, 18. intellect, 19. loneliness

20. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
21. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
22. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
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24. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
25. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
26. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
27. va___h amid the crowd *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
28. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
29. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
30. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 20. testament, 21. canoe, 22. chant, 23. uncanny, 24. astronaut, 25. intellect, 26. passe, 27. vanish, 28. haunted, 29. passe, 30. astronaut

31. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
32. seasoned ma____r *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
33. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
34. the tribe's sh____n *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
35. tw_____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
36. ab____e with passion *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
37. a harmless j__t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
38. crack a j__t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
39. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
40. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

ANSWERS: 31. haunted, 32. mariner, 33. testament, 34. shaman, 35. twilight, 36. ablaze, 37. jest, 38. jest, 39. chant, 40. loneliness

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 17. vanished, 18. womb, 19. scientifically, 20. passe, 21. testament, 22. glinted, 23. haunted,