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Session 1: Word List

suede

n. a type of leather with a soft, napped surface that is usually made from the underside of animal skin, often used in the production of clothing, shoes, and accessories

(1) soft **suede**, (2) faux **suede**

She bought a beautiful **suede** jacket for the winter season.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

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**.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym :

bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

synonym: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

pistol

n. a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

synonym: revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

snatch

v. to take or grab something suddenly or quickly

synonym: grab, seize, capture

(1) **snatch** a hasty meal, (2) **snatch** up her purse

He **snatches** victory from the jaws of defeat in the game's final seconds.

bop

v. to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm

synonym: jig, hop, bounce

(1) hard **bop**, (2) **bop** to the beat

The jazz band began to **bop** and swing during their performance, causing the crowd to dance along.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

rambling

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

synonym : disorganized, incoherent, sprawling

(1) **rambling** speech, (2) **rambling** narrative

The hiking trail was a long and **rambling** route through the mountains.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

Broadway

n. a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general

(1) **Broadway** show, (2) **Broadway** theater

We watched an incredible **Broadway** musical last night.

monosyllable

n. a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word

synonym : monologue

(1) **monosyllable** word, (2) the use of **monosyllables**

The student struggled to pronounce the **monosyllable** words in the vocabulary list.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be

considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

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.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym : indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement

The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

sonnet

n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

synonym : poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**

The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym :

tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

entendre

n. (also *entente*) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

synonym: entente, innuendo, suggestion

(1) humorous **entendre**, (2) unintended **entendre**

The double **entendre** in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

vim

n. lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing

synonym: energy, vitality, liveliness

(1) boundless **vim**, (2) youthful **vim**

He tackled the project with great **vim** and energy.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

guerrilla

n. a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces

synonym: partisan, rebel, insurgent

(1) an urban **guerrilla**, (2) **guerrilla** warfare

The government's efforts to suppress the **guerrilla** movement were met with resistance from local communities.

entertainer

n. a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

synonym : performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

mulatto

n. (an outdated and offensive word) a person of mixed racial ancestry, specifically referring to a person with one white and one black parent

synonym : mixed race, biracial, dual heritage

(1) **mulatto** population, (2) **mulatto** identity

In colonial times, a **mulatto** social class emerged, often possessing certain privileges not extended to other people of African descent.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

caddy

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

synonym : container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon

The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

slander

n. the act of making false and damaging statements about someone

synonym : defamation, libel, calumny

(1) **slander** of goods, (2) **slander** lawsuit

He was accused of **slander** when he spread rumors about his boss.

Session 2: Spelling

1. faux su__e *n.* a type of leather with a soft, napped surface that is usually made from the underside of animal skin, often used in the production of clothing, shoes, and accessories
2. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
3. mu_____o population *n.* (an outdated and offensive word) a person of mixed racial ancestry, specifically referring to a person with one white and one black parent
4. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
5. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
6. ca__y spoon *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
7. mon_____ble word *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
8. Shakespeare's so___ts *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

ANSWERS: 1. suede, 2. subordinate, 3. mulatto, 4. posse, 5. yell, 6. caddy, 7. monosyllable, 8. sonnet

9. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
10. Br____ay theater *n.* a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general
11. Br____ay show *n.* a famous street in New York City, specifically in the borough of Manhattan, renowned for its theaters and musical productions; the commercial theater district and the theater industry in general
12. pi___l shot *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
13. sn___h up her purse *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
14. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
15. sl____r of goods *n.* the act of making false and damaging statements about someone
16. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
17. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 9. writ, 10. Broadway, 11. Broadway, 12. pistol, 13. snatch, 14. hoop, 15. slander, 16. slang, 17. bury

18. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
19. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
20. actions that si_____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
21. 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
22. th____t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
23. pi____l grip *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
24. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
25. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
26. b_p to the beat *v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm

ANSWERS: 18. quitter, 19. subordinate, 20. signify, 21. dope, 22. thirst, 23. pistol, 24. posse, 25. prophecy, 26. bop

27. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
28. comedy ent_____er *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
29. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
30. gu_____la warfare *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
31. sl_____r lawsuit *n.* the act of making false and damaging statements about someone
32. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
33. hard b_p *v.* to move or dance in a lively, rhythmic way, especially to jazz or pop music; to hit or strike someone or something quickly and lightly; (noun) a type of music, especially jazz or swing, characterized by a lively, upbeat rhythm
34. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
35. so___t poetry *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
36. unintended en_____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

ANSWERS: 27. transcend, 28. entertainer, 29. broth, 30. guerrilla, 31. slander, 32. bury, 33. bop, 34. hoop, 35. sonnet, 36. entendre

37. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
38. 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
39. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
40. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
41. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
42. si____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
43. ent_____er of the year *n.* a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy
44. soft su__e *n.* a type of leather with a soft, napped surface that is usually made from the underside of animal skin, often used in the production of clothing, shoes, and accessories
45. ra____ng narrative *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

ANSWERS: 37. shove, 38. dope, 39. quitter, 40. slang, 41. slam, 42. signify, 43. entertainer, 44. suede, 45. rambling

46. mu_____o identity *n.* (an outdated and offensive word) a person of mixed racial ancestry, specifically referring to a person with one white and one black parent
47. an urban gu_____la *n.* a member of small, independent soldiers or fighters who engage in irregular, often surprise attacks against enemy forces
48. golf ca__y *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
49. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
50. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
51. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
52. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
53. family em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
54. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
55. ra_____ng speech *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

ANSWERS: 46. mulatto, 47. guerrilla, 48. caddy, 49. yell, 50. thirst, 51. shove, 52. bully, 53. emblem, 54. fir, 55. rambling

56. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
57. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
58. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
59. the use of mon_____bles *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
60. boundless v_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
61. a national em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
62. humorous en_____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
63. sn___h a hasty meal *v.* to take or grab something suddenly or quickly
64. youthful v_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
65. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
66. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 56. slam, 57. transcend, 58. prophecy, 59. monosyllable, 60. vim, 61. emblem, 62. entendre, 63. snatch, 64. vim, 65. writ, 66. bully

67. f_r forest

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

68. chicken br__h

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 67. fir, 68. broth

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was arrested for possessing illegal _____.
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ANSWERS: 16. rambling, 17. transcended, 18. slander, 19. bully, 20. caddy, 21. monosyllable, 22. posse

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