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Session 1: Word List

musicology

n. the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

synonym: musical scholarship, music theory

(1) **musicology** professor, (2) **musicology** research

The **musicology** conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

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.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym: tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

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**.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym: contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

sonata

n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

synonym: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata**

He's been practicing a new **sonata** for weeks.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

synonym : beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

ado

n. an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort

synonym : commotion, fuss, bother

(1) much **ado**, (2) kick up **ado**

We need to resolve this issue without any further **ado**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. play a so ___a | <i>n.</i> a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin |
| 2. kick up a_o | <i>n.</i> an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort |
| 3. history of ema _____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 4. im _____e forgiveness | <i>v.</i> to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy |
| 5. self-ema _____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 6. re _____y in the streets | <i>n.</i> lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment |
| 7. a sy _____ny orchestra | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements |
| 8. sword d __l | <i>n.</i> formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge |
| 9. mus _____gy professor | <i>n.</i> the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music |

ANSWERS: 1. sonata, 2. ado, 3. emancipation, 4. implore, 5. emancipation, 6. revelry, 7. symphony, 8. duel, 9. musicology

10. d__l for honor *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
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12. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
13. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. much a_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
15. festival re____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
16. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
17. musical dis____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
18. the ch__p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

ANSWERS: 10. duel, 11. chirp, 12. numb, 13. numb, 14. ado, 15. revelry, 16. symphony, 17. dissonance, 18. chirp

19. third so___a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
20. cognitive dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
21. mus_____gy research *n.* the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
22. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
23. im_____e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. musicology, 9. implore, 10. symphony, 11. ado, 12. writ