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Session 1: Word List

hearty

adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

synonym : wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

cordial

adj. warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt

synonym : friendly, amiable, affable

(1) **cordial** greeting, (2) **cordial** relationship

The host greeted the guests with a **cordial** welcome and offered them drinks.

jot

v. to write quickly or briefly

synonym : note, scribble, write down

(1) **jot** off a letter, (2) **jot** down ideas

I'll **jot** down the address, so I don't forget it.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique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.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

freckle

n. a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

synonym: spot, speck, beauty mark

(1) tiny **freckle**, (2) **freckle** cream

I have a **freckle** on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

Norman

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

synonym : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

clergyman

n. a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

synonym: minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty
The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

earthy

adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

synonym: loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material
This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

lumberjack

n. a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

synonym: forester, woodcutter, logger

(1) hardworking **lumberjack**, (2) skilled **lumberjack**
The experienced **lumberjack** skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim
She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

classy

adj. stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

synonym: stylish, elegant, sophisticated

(1) **classy** outfit, (2) **classy** restaurant

The hotel's rooftop bar offers a **classy** and sophisticated setting to enjoy cocktails.

caviar

n. the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers

synonym : roe, sturgeon eggs

(1) salmon **caviar**, (2) **caviar** farm

The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of **caviar** from around the world.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym : equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym : unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled
subconsciously

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pe____t class
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
2. non-syn_____us mutation
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
3. aim a b__b
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
4. co_____e emotion
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
5. cr_____e to dust
v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
6. the Ca_____ic Church
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
7. pa__e entertainment
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
8. he___y laughter
adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

ANSWERS: 1. peasant, 2. synonymous, 3. barb, 4. connote, 5. crumble, 6. Catholic, 7. passe, 8. hearty

9. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
10. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
11. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
12. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
13. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
14. an ea__y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
15. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
16. tiny fr_____e *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
17. he__y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
18. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
19. no__n cathedral *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

ANSWERS: 9. jean, 10. recognizable, 11. subconsciously, 12. passe, 13. consciously, 14. earthy, 15. blur, 16. freckle, 17. hearty, 18. blur, 19. Norman

20. salmon ca___r *n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers
21. j_t down ideas *v.* to write quickly or briefly
22. unfrocked cl_____an *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
23. ea___y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
24. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
25. skilled lum_____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
26. co_____l greeting *adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt
27. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
28. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
29. ca___r farm *n.* the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers
30. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 20. caviar, 21. jot, 22. clergyman, 23. earthy, 24. peasant, 25. lumberjack, 26. cordial, 27. barb, 28. aristocracy, 29. caviar, 30. conquest

31. co____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
32. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
33. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
34. no____n invasion *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
35. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
36. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
37. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
38. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
39. hardworking lum_____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
40. j_t off a letter *v.* to write quickly or briefly
41. imperial co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 31. connote, 32. consciously, 33. aristocracy, 34. Norman, 35. evoke, 36. jean, 37. evoke, 38. synonymous, 39. lumberjack, 40. jot, 41. conquest

42. cl___y outfit *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
43. cl_____an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
44. co_____l relationship *adj.* warm and friendly; polite and gracious; sincere and heartfelt
45. cl___y restaurant *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
46. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
47. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
48. fr_____e cream *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
49. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
50. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 42. classy, 43. clergyman, 44. cordial, 45. classy, 46. crumble, 47. recognizable, 48. freckle, 49. subconsciously, 50. Catholic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Catholic _____ led the congregation in prayer.
n. a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
2. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
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3. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
4. I have a _____ on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.
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5. The menu at the fancy restaurant featured a selection of _____ from around the world.
n. the eggs of sturgeon or other large fish considered a delicacy and used especially in appetizers
6. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.
n. a group of persons with high social status
7. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
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ANSWERS: 1. clergyman, 2. connotes, 3. consciously, 4. freckle, 5. caviar, 6. aristocracy, 7. jeans

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ANSWERS: 24. peasant, 25. earthy