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Session 1: Word List

gong

n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

synonym: bell, chime, clang

(1) **gong** sound, (2) temple **gong**

As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the **gong** filled the dojo.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

grunt

v. to make a short, low noise in the throat

synonym: groan, mutter, murmur

(1) **grunt** a laugh, (2) **grunt** in discontent

She **grunted** and stopped drinking coffee.

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.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

amulet

n. a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription

synonym : charm, talisman, mascot

(1) protective **amulet**, (2) **amulet** necklace

I always wear my lucky **amulet** when taking an important exam or giving a presentation.

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

itinerant

adj. traveling from place to place; moving from place to place

synonym: traveling, wandering, nomadic

(1) **itinerant** labor, (2) **itinerant** musician

The **itinerant** traveler visited many countries on his journey.

trinket

n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

synonym: bauble, ornament, trifle

(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**

The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym: hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

synonym: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared
She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently
synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale
He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
synonym: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**
It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

thump

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
synonym: beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot
I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist
Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

freedman

n. a person who has been freed from slavery or servitude; a formerly enslaved person who has been granted their freedom
synonym: former slave, emancipated person

(1) **freedman** status, (2) **freedman** community

The **freedman** rights movement was instrumental in pushing for policies that ensured equal treatment for all, regardless of their former status.

tepid

adj. lukewarm; lacking enthusiasm, passion, or interest; showing little or no excitement or emotion

synonym: lukewarm, unenthusiastic, half-hearted

(1) **tepid** response, (2) **tepid** water

After his lackluster performance, the audience gave only **tepid** applause, signaling their disappointment.

bathe

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

synonym: cleanse, soak, immerse

(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby

I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

recline

v. to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

synonym: lounge, lie down, relax

(1) **recline** on the sofa, (2) **recline** on my side

She **reclined** her seat and relaxed for the flight.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym: puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym: retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban
The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
2. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
3. re_____e on my side *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
4. 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
5. it_____nt musician *adj.* traveling from place to place; moving from place to place
6. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
7. g__g sound *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
8. supportive ste_____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
9. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 1. retell, 2. folly, 3. recline, 4. fir, 5. itinerant, 6. stepfather, 7. gong, 8. stepfather, 9. ancestor

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| 10. tr__d water | v. | to step or walk on something |
| 11. tr__d a similar path | v. | to step or walk on something |
| 12. th__p on the back | v. | to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully |
| 13. 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 |
| 14. ru___e down the dirt track | v. | to make a low, heavy continuous sound |
| 15. it_____nt labor | adj. | traveling from place to place; moving from place to place |
| 16. be de_____ed to become a great artist | v. | to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |
| 17. wh_____e a tune | v. | to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound |
| 18. re___l an old tale | v. | to tell someone about something again or differently |
| 19. am___t necklace | n. | a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription |

ANSWERS: 10. tread, 11. tread, 12. thump, 13. fir, 14. rumble, 15. itinerant, 16. destine, 17. whistle, 18. retell, 19. amulet

20. te__d response *adj.* lukewarm; lacking enthusiasm, passion, or interest; showing little or no excitement or emotion
21. ru___e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
22. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
23. fr_____an community *n.* a person who has been freed from slavery or servitude; a formerly enslaved person who has been granted their freedom
24. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
25. re_____e on the sofa *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
26. lo_____ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
27. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
28. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

ANSWERS: 20. tepid, 21. rumble, 22. bustle, 23. freedman, 24. destine, 25. recline, 26. lovingly, 27. deity, 28. folly

29. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
30. bu___e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
31. ba__e in the sea *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
32. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
33. religious sh___e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
34. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
35. 20/20 hi_____ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
36. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
37. fr_____an status *n.* a person who has been freed from slavery or servitude; a formerly enslaved person who has been granted their freedom
38. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 29. scrape, 30. bustle, 31. bathe, 32. bathe, 33. shrine, 34. enact, 35. hindsight, 36. emperor, 37. freedman, 38. enact

39. vintage tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
40. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
41. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
42. sh____e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
43. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
44. lo____ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
45. cheap tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
46. hi____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
47. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 39. trinket, 40. ancestor, 41. emperor, 42. shrine, 43. deity, 44. lovingly, 45. trinket, 46. hindsight, 47. cram

48. te__d water *adj.* lukewarm; lacking enthusiasm, passion, or interest; showing little or no excitement or emotion
49. protective am___t *n.* a small object, often worn as a necklace or bracelet, believed to have magical or protective powers, typically containing a charm or inscription
50. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
51. gr__t in discontent *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
52. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
53. th__p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
54. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
55. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

ANSWERS: 48. tepid, 49. amulet, 50. vomit, 51. grunt, 52. whistle, 53. thump, 54. cram, 55. scrape

56. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
57. editorial tr____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
58. the position of tr____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
59. gr__t a laugh *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
60. temple g__g *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

ANSWERS: 56. vomit, 57. tribune, 58. tribune, 59. grunt, 60. gong

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
v. to step or walk on something

2. The _____ rights movement was instrumental in pushing for policies that ensured equal treatment for all, regardless of their former status.
n. a person who has been freed from slavery or servitude; a formerly enslaved person who has been granted their freedom

3. As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the _____ filled the dojo.
n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

4. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.
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5. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
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adj. traveling from place to place; moving from place to place
12. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.
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ANSWERS: 8. bustled, 9. bathe, 10. whistle-blow, 11. itinerant, 12. hindsight, 13. rumbled, 14. grunted, 15. enacted, 16. trinkets

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ANSWERS: 17. amulet, 18. scraped, 19. retells, 20. tepid, 21. shrine, 22. stepfather, 23. reclined, 24. folly

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ANSWERS: 25. lovingly, 26. destined, 27. vomit, 28. tribune, 29. deity, 30. thump