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Session 1: Word List

passerby

n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

synonym : spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street

The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

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!"

panhandle

v. to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

synonym : beg, solicit, plead

(1) **panhandle** for food, (2) the Texas **panhandle**

I must **panhandle** for money if I can't find a job soon.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym : siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym : ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

varsity

n. a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players

synonym : team, squad, first-string

(1) a **varsity** player, (2) **varsity** sport

Jane made the **varsity** team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

budge

v. to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something

synonym: move, shift, nudge

(1) **budge** an inch, (2) **budge** the shelf

No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't **budge** the heavy couch from its place in the room.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a va____y player *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
2. bu__e the shelf *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
3. curious pa____by *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
4. pa____by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
5. me____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
6. a pounding he____at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
7. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. varsity, 2. budge, 3. passerby, 4. passerby, 5. mermaid, 6. heartbeat, 7. waltz, 8. chant

9. bu__e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
10. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
11. 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
12. write in rh__e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
13. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
14. me____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
15. the Texas pa____le *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
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ANSWERS: 9. budge, 10. waltz, 11. chant, 12. rhyme, 13. frown, 14. mermaid, 15. panhandle, 16. heartbeat

17. va____y sport *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
18. pa_____le for food *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
19. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
20. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

ANSWERS: 17. varsity, 18. panhandle, 19. frown, 20. rhyme

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. Jane made the _____ team and was thrilled to compete at the highest level.
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ANSWERS: 8. waltz, 9. rhyme, 10. mermaid