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Session 1: Word List

pony

n. a small horse

synonym : cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

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

cassette

n. a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

synonym : tape, cartridge, recording

(1) **cassette** tape, (2) **cassette** player

I found an old **cassette** with my favorite songs from the 80s.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy,

knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

vintage

adj. denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past

synonym : old, classic, retro

(1) **vintage** wine, (2) a poor **vintage**

The **vintage** car collection was worth millions of dollars.

posture

n. the position in which a person holds their body when standing or sitting; (verb) to behave affectedly or unnaturally to impress others

synonym : stance, position, carriage

(1) **posture** control, (2) **posture** as a critic

She stood with good **posture**, with her shoulders back and head held high.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

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!"

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym : idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

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.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym: improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

(1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language

It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

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.

cheerleader

n. a person who leads cheers and chants at organized sports events, typically wearing a uniform and performing choreographed routines

(1) college **cheerleader**, (2) **cheerleader** tryouts

She was the captain of the **cheerleader** squad in high school.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak
I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

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.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or

difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

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. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
2. 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
3. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
4. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
5. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
6. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
7. a spotted p__y *n.* a small horse
8. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
9. 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
10. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 1. portrait, 2. heartbeat, 3. remarkable, 4. heartbeat, 5. swear, 6. silent, 7. pony, 8. portrait, 9. passerby, 10. butterfly

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| 11. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge | <i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special |
| 12. give si___t consent | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 13. me_____d tail | <i>n.</i> a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish |
| 14. run like h__l | <i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place |
| 15. t_p keyboard with an index finger | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 16. c__b cakes | <i>n.</i> a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing |
| 17. ch__t melodies | <i>n.</i> a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation |
| 18. college che_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who leads cheers and chants at organized sports events, typically wearing a uniform and performing choreographed routines |
| 19. p__y engine | <i>n.</i> a small horse |
| 20. h__l broke loose | <i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place |

ANSWERS: 11. remarkable, 12. silent, 13. mermaid, 14. hell, 15. tap, 16. crab, 17. chant, 18. cheerleader, 19. pony, 20. hell

21. che_____er tryouts *n.* a person who leads cheers and chants at organized sports events, typically wearing a uniform and performing choreographed routines
22. ina_____ate language *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
23. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
24. 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
25. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
26. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
27. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
28. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 21. cheerleader, 22. inappropriate, 23. awkward, 24. waltz, 25. frown, 26. notion, 27. frown, 28. tap

29. va____y sport *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
30. me____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
31. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
32. 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
33. the life cycle of a bu____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
34. 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
35. sw__r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
36. 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
37. bu__e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something

ANSWERS: 29. varsity, 30. mermaid, 31. crab, 32. passerby, 33. butterfly, 34. rhyme, 35. swear, 36. waltz, 37. budge

38. po____e control *n.* the position in which a person holds their body when standing or sitting; (verb) to behave affectedly or unnaturally to impress others
39. ina_____ate behavior *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
40. 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
41. a poor vi____e *adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
42. bu__e the shelf *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
43. po____e as a critic *n.* the position in which a person holds their body when standing or sitting; (verb) to behave affectedly or unnaturally to impress others
44. a va____y player *n.* a team representing a college or university in sports, typically composed of the best players
45. ca____te tape *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
46. 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

ANSWERS: 38. posture, 39. inappropriate, 40. chant, 41. vintage, 42. budge, 43. posture, 44. varsity, 45. cassette, 46. panhandle

47. 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
48. 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
49. ca_____te player *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
50. no___n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
51. vi_____e wine *adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
52. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
53. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
54. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 47. rhyme, 48. panhandle, 49. cassette, 50. notion, 51. vintage, 52. scheme, 53. scheme, 54. awkward

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.
 - n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

2. I must _____ for money if I can't find a job soon.
 - 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

3. She was the captain of the _____ squad in high school.
 - n.* a person who leads cheers and chants at organized sports events, typically wearing a uniform and performing choreographed routines

4. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't _____ the heavy couch from its place in the room.
 - v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something

5. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
 - n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

6. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
 - n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

7. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
 - adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 1. rhyme, 2. panhandle, 3. cheerleader, 4. budge, 5. crab, 6. mermaid, 7. remarkable

8. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
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n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
10. Thinking always made him _____.
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12. The _____ car collection was worth millions of dollars.
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ANSWERS: 8. swear, 9. chant, 10. frown, 11. silent, 12. vintage, 13. scheme, 14. hell, 15. waltz

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