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Session 1: Word List

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym : meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

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.

handwriting

n. (also "penmanship") the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym : script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

indulgence

n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury

synonym : luxury, treat, pampering

(1) plenary **indulgence**, (2) selfish **indulgence**

He allowed himself a few small **indulgences** during his diet.

purgatory

n. a place or state of temporary punishment for the souls of those who die in a state of grace but have not fully atoned for their sins

(1) **purgatory** state, (2) **purgatory** existence

In Catholic theology, **purgatory** is a state of temporary punishment for sins.

amok

adv. in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

synonym : berserk, wild, out of control

(1) scream **amok**, (2) go **amok**

The angry customer began running **amok** in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. as_____ut mission | <i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere |
| 2. hulking di_____ur | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |
| 3. as_____ut in training | <i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere |
| 4. me_____te impact | <i>n.</i> a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space |
| 5. pu_____ry state | <i>n.</i> a place or state of temporary punishment for the souls of those who die in a state of grace but have not fully atoned for their sins |
| 6. di_____ur fossil | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |
| 7. selfish ind_____ce | <i>n.</i> the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury |
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ANSWERS: 1. astronaut, 2. dinosaur, 3. astronaut, 4. meteorite, 5. purgatory, 6. dinosaur, 7. indulgence, 8. enigma

9. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
10. 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
11. scream a__k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
12. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
13. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
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ANSWERS: 9. decode, 10. Catholic, 11. amok, 12. decode, 13. hallway, 14. enigma, 15. meteorite, 16. amok

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ANSWERS: 17. Catholic, 18. handwriting, 19. handwriting, 20. hallway, 21. purgatory, 22. indulgence

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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