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Session 1: Word List

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving
synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair
The interests of the two countries **collide**.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth
His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

misbehave

v. to behave badly
synonym: act up, fool around, trespass

(1) **misbehave** with language, (2) the student who had **misbehaved**

It was unbelievable that they should **misbehave**.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym: bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and

appealing hotels.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gl_____us movie stars | <i>adj.</i> highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people |
| 2. publish a me____r | <i>n.</i> a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events |
| 3. br_____y scandal | <i>n.</i> the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage |
| 4. vulnerable to br_____y | <i>n.</i> the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage |
| 5. sy_____le structure | <i>n.</i> a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants |
| 6. dis_____ge customers | <i>v.</i> to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something |
| 7. ga____e \$100 on the race | <i>v.</i> to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes |
| 8. family me____r | <i>n.</i> a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events |
| 9. dis_____ge bacterial growth | <i>v.</i> to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something |

ANSWERS: 1. glamorous, 2. memoir, 3. bribery, 4. bribery, 5. syllable, 6. discourage, 7. gamble, 8. memoir, 9. discourage

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| 10. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 11. make a da___g face | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 12. br__e him with food | <i>v.</i> to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements |
| 13. da___g escape | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 14. co_____e in midair | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 15. sk_____al scientists | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 16. single sy_____le | <i>n.</i> a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants |
| 17. a sk_____al attitude | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 18. re_____t a conversation with him | <i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story |
| 19. prove unr_____le | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 20. co_____e head-on | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 21. unr_____le source of information | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 22. the na_____or of the TV program | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
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ANSWERS: 10. narrator, 11. daring, 12. bribe, 13. daring, 14. collide, 15. skeptical, 16. syllable, 17. skeptical, 18. recount, 19. unreliable, 20. collide, 21. unreliable, 22. narrator, 23. recount

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25. co_____se with an acquaintance v. to talk informally
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27. ga_____e away my fortune v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
28. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
29. the student who had mi_____ved v. to behave badly
30. br__e a politician v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
31. ask a co_____se question v. to talk informally
32. mi_____ve with language v. to behave badly

ANSWERS: 24. distort, 25. converse, 26. distort, 27. gamble, 28. glamorous, 29. misbehave, 30. bribe, 31. converse, 32. misbehave

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
 - v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

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 - v. to talk informally

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7. It was unbelievable that they should _____.
 - v. to behave badly

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ANSWERS: 1. gamble, 2. converse, 3. collide, 4. glamorous, 5. discourage, 6. skeptical, 7. misbehave, 8. bribery

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ANSWERS: 9. syllable, 10. distort, 11. narrator, 12. unreliable, 13. recount, 14. memoirs, 15. daring, 16. bribe