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Session 1: Word List

overlord

n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

synonym: master, tyrant, autocrat

(1) evil **overlord**, (2) colonial **overlord**

In the feudal system, the **overlord** owned most of the wealth.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

intonation

n. the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking

synonym: pitch, accent, emphasis

(1) question **intonation**, (2) an unchanging **intonation**

Some questions have a rising **intonation** in English.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. evil ov_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past |
| 2. ab____t a girl | <i>v.</i> to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom |
| 3. fo____d the use of chemical weapons | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 4. an unchanging int_____on | <i>n.</i> the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking |
| 5. ab____t at gunpoint | <i>v.</i> to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom |
| 6. de____e the meaning of a word | <i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning |
| 7. fo____d smoking in public areas | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 8. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo | <i>n.</i> the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from |
| 9. colonial ov_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past |
| 10. de____e facts from the evidence | <i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning |

ANSWERS: 1. overlord, 2. abduct, 3. forbid, 4. intonation, 5. abduct, 6. deduce, 7. forbid, 8. captivity, 9. overlord, 10. deduce

11. question int_____on

n. the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking

12. escape from ca_____ty

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

ANSWERS: 11. intonation, 12. captivity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.
 - v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

2. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
 - n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

3. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.
 - v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

4. Some questions have a rising _____ in English.
 - n. the rise and fall of the voice pitch in speaking

5. In the feudal system, the _____ owned most of the wealth.
 - n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

6. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
 - v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 1. abducted, 2. captivity, 3. deduced, 4. intonation, 5. overlord, 6. forbid