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Session 1: Word List

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

colosseum

n. a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

dungeon

n. a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground

synonym : prison, cell, lockup

(1) medieval **dungeon**, (2) a murky **dungeon**

The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle **dungeon**.

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.

keypad

n. a small set of keys with an arrangement of numbers, symbols, or alphabetical letters

synonym : keyboard

(1) use the numeric **keypad**, (2) **keypad** device

Punch your credit card number into this external **keypad**.

salamander

n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

synonym : amphibian

(1) terrestrial **salamander**, (2) semiaquatic **salamander**

We plan to raise a giant **salamander** as a pet.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

passcode

n. a combination of letters, numbers, movements, etc., usually used to confirm a user's identity and access a computer or other electronic device

synonym : password

(1) 4-digit **passcode**, (2) **passcode** generator

We need a six-digit one-time **passcode** to log into this system.

rejoin

v. to return to someone or something

synonym: come back, return, reunite

(1) **rejoin** their mother ship, (2) **rejoin** the party

After the battle, the soldier managed to **rejoin** his unit.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a murky du____n
n. a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
2. the escape from dy____ia
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
3. a crumbling dy____ia
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
4. a tyr____al parent
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
5. 4-digit pa____de
n. a combination of letters, numbers, movements, etc., usually used to confirm a user's identity and access a computer or other electronic device
6. co____l a close relationship
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
7. build a co____um for gladiators
n. a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
8. a tyr____al government
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 1. dungeon, 2. dystopia, 3. dystopia, 4. tyrannical, 5. passcode, 6. conceal, 7. colosseum, 8. tyrannical

9. ke___d device *n.* a small set of keys with an arrangement of numbers, symbols, or alphabetical letters
10. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
11. Co_____um area *n.* a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
12. re___n the party *v.* to return to someone or something
13. terrestrial sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
14. use the numeric ke___d *n.* a small set of keys with an arrangement of numbers, symbols, or alphabetical letters
15. re___n their mother ship *v.* to return to someone or something
16. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
17. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
18. medieval du_____n *n.* a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
19. pa_____de generator *n.* a combination of letters, numbers, movements, etc., usually used to confirm a user's identity and access a computer or other electronic device

ANSWERS: 9. keypad, 10. hallway, 11. colosseum, 12. rejoin, 13. salamander, 14. keypad, 15. rejoin, 16. conceal, 17. hallway, 18. dungeon, 19. passcode

20. semiaquatic sal_____er

n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

ANSWERS: 20. salamander

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The prisoner has been languishing for years in the castle _____.
n. a room or cell in which prisoners are held, especially underground
2. After the battle, the soldier managed to _____ his unit.
v. to return to someone or something
3. We need a six-digit one-time _____ to log into this system.
n. a combination of letters, numbers, movements, etc., usually used to confirm a user's identity and access a computer or other electronic device
4. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
5. Punch your credit card number into this external _____.
n. a small set of keys with an arrangement of numbers, symbols, or alphabetical letters
6. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.
n. a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
7. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
8. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

ANSWERS: 1. dungeon, 2. rejoin, 3. passcode, 4. dystopias, 5. keypad, 6. Colosseum, 7. concealed, 8. hallway

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n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

10. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

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ANSWERS: 9. salamander, 10. Tyrannical