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Session 1: Word List

evasive

adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger

synonym : deceitful, ambiguous, unclear

(1) take **evasive** action, (2) an **evasive** answer

He admitted all wrongdoing without using any **evasive** words in his press conference.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym : delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

centerpiece

n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

synonym : highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal
His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds
Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym : goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed
There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action
synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**
The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
synonym: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**
Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
synonym: guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**
I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. take ev_____e action | <i>adj.</i> not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger |
| 2. sincere re_____e | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done |
| 3. bid fa_____ll to the departed | <i>n.</i> the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting |
| 4. re_____e of conscience | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done |
| 5. te__t the taste buds | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 6. inexcusable tra_____ion | <i>n.</i> the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle |
| 7. te__t young people | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong |
| 8. dis_____nt the audience | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 9. willful wro_____ng | <i>n.</i> an improper or illegal behavior or action |
| 10. ab_____e you from this responsibility | <i>v.</i> (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something |

ANSWERS: 1. evasive, 2. remorse, 3. farewell, 4. remorse, 5. tempt, 6. transgression, 7. tempt, 8. disappoint, 9. wrongdoing, 10. absolve

11. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
13. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
14. a fl___y structure *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
15. an ev_____e answer *adj.* not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
16. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
17. cen_____ce proposal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
18. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
19. make a fl___y excuse *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
20. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
21. ab_____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

ANSWERS: 11. embarrass, 12. transgression, 13. complication, 14. flimsy, 15. evasive, 16. disappoint, 17. centerpiece, 18. complication, 19. flimsy, 20. embarrass, 21. absolve

22. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
23. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
24. the cen_____ce of the meal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

ANSWERS: 22. farewell, 23. wrongdoing, 24. centerpiece

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

2. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.
n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

3. His writing activities are the _____ of his life.
n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

4. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

5. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

6. He admitted all wrongdoing without using any _____ words in his press conference.
adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger

7. There is his _____ party tomorrow.
n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

8. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.
adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. wrongdoing, 3. centerpiece, 4. remorse, 5. embarrass, 6. evasive, 7. farewell, 8. flimsy

9. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
- v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
10. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
- v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
11. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
- n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
12. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

ANSWERS: 9. tempted, 10. absolve, 11. transgression, 12. complications