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Session 1: Word List

obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
synonym: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

overpower

v. to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength

synonym: overwhelm, conquer, surpass

(1) **overpower** the suspect, (2) **overpower** the opponent

The shooter was eventually **overpowered** and arrested by police.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atroc**ity of the war left many children orphaned.

massacre

n. the indiscriminate killing of a large number of people
synonym: slaughter, killing, massacre

(1) **massacre** site, (2) bloody **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians shocked the world.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

profuse

adj. abundant or excessive in amount

synonym: abundant, ample, excessive

(1) a **profuse** perspiration, (2) **profuse** thanks

The flowers were **profuse** and created a colorful display in the garden.

prod

v. to poke or jab at something or someone, typically with something pointed

synonym: poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** a person's memory, (2) **prod** his interest

He **prodded** the haystack with a stick to see if anything was hidden underneath.

qualm

n. a feeling of doubt, worry, or unease about something, especially an ethical issue

synonym: misgiving, compunction, unease

(1) with no **qualm**, (2) a frightful **qualm**

She had a **qualm** about traveling alone but eventually decided to go.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym: shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

ethic

n. a set of moral principles or values that govern behavior

synonym: morality, principle, value

(1) **ethic** principle, (2) the Puritan **ethic**

The company had a strict work **ethic** and expected its employees to follow it.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym: appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

inhumane

adj. lacking kindness, compassion, or sympathy

synonym: cruel, brutal, savage

(1) **inhumane** act of the dictator, (2) **inhumane** conditions

The **inhumane** treatment of animals in the laboratory was unacceptable.

Session 2: Spelling

1. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
2. ov_____er the suspect *v.* to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength
3. in_____ne conditions *adj.* lacking kindness, compassion, or sympathy
4. with no qu__m *n.* a feeling of doubt, worry, or unease about something, especially an ethical issue
5. pr_____e thanks *adj.* abundant or excessive in amount
6. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
7. ob_____nt dog *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
8. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
9. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
10. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
11. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
12. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
13. ov_____er the opponent *v.* to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength

ANSWERS: 1. firefighter, 2. overpower, 3. inhumane, 4. qualm, 5. profuse, 6. firefighter, 7. obedient, 8. instruct, 9. frightening, 10. appall, 11. frightening, 12. gruesome, 13. overpower

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| 14. et__c principle | <i>n.</i> a set of moral principles or values that govern behavior |
| 15. p__d a person's memory | <i>v.</i> to poke or jab at something or someone, typically with something pointed |
| 16. grow to be ob_____nt | <i>adj.</i> willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do |
| 17. in_____ne act of the dictator | <i>adj.</i> lacking kindness, compassion, or sympathy |
| 18. p__d his interest | <i>v.</i> to poke or jab at something or someone, typically with something pointed |
| 19. ap___l me | <i>v.</i> to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay |
| 20. in_____ct a student | <i>v.</i> to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 21. commit at_____ty | <i>n.</i> brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 22. the Puritan et__c | <i>n.</i> a set of moral principles or values that govern behavior |
| 23. bloody ma_____re | <i>n.</i> the indiscriminate killing of a large number of people |
| 24. ma_____re site | <i>n.</i> the indiscriminate killing of a large number of people |
| 25. a frightful qu__m | <i>n.</i> a feeling of doubt, worry, or unease about something, especially an ethical issue |
| 26. gr_____me accident | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust |

ANSWERS: 14. ethic, 15. prod, 16. obedient, 17. inhumane, 18. prod, 19. appall, 20. instruct, 21. atrocity, 22. ethic, 23. massacre, 24. massacre, 25. qualm, 26. gruesome

27. cold-blooded at____ty

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

28. a pr____e perspiration

adj. abundant or excessive in amount

ANSWERS: 27. atrocity, 28. profuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She had a _____ about traveling alone but eventually decided to go.
n. a feeling of doubt, worry, or unease about something, especially an ethical issue
2. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
3. The flowers were _____ and created a colorful display in the garden.
adj. abundant or excessive in amount
4. The _____ of innocent civilians shocked the world.
n. the indiscriminate killing of a large number of people
5. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
adj. causing horror or disgust
6. The shooter was eventually _____ and arrested by police.
v. to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength
7. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
8. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.
adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
9. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 1. qualm, 2. appalled, 3. profuse, 4. massacre, 5. gruesome, 6. overpowered, 7. atrocity, 8. obedient, 9. frightening

10. He _____ the haystack with a stick to see if anything was hidden underneath.
v. to poke or jab at something or someone, typically with something pointed
11. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
12. The company had a strict work _____ and expected its employees to follow it.
n. a set of moral principles or values that govern behavior
13. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
14. The _____ treatment of animals in the laboratory was unacceptable.
adj. lacking kindness, compassion, or sympathy

ANSWERS: 10. prodded, 11. instructed, 12. ethic, 13. firefighter, 14. inhumane