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Session 1: Word List

intangible

n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym : abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

paperclip

n. a small metal clip, typically circular, used to hold sheets of paper together

synonym : staple, clip, binder

(1) **paperclip** chain, (2) unbend a **paperclip**

She used a metal **paperclip** to hold the broken necklace together temporarily.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

antitrust

adj. laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

synonym : anti-competitive, anti-monopoly, anti-cartel

(1) **antitrust** legislation, (2) **antitrust** policy

The company was found guilty of **antitrust** violations and fined.

laissez-faire

n. an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices

synonym : hands-off, free

(1) **laissez-faire** attitude, (2) **laissez-faire** approach

The **laissez-faire** economic policy allowed businesses to operate with minimal government intervention.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym : preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

outcry

n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent

synonym : protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior
Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

unquestionably

adv. without a doubt; certainly

synonym: certainly, undoubtedly, without doubt

(1) **unquestionably** bad, (2) **unquestionably** safe
Unquestionably, he was the best candidate for the job.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

downplay

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

synonym: minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

double-edged

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade)

having two cutting edges

synonym: two-sided, ambivalent, ambiguous

(1) a **double-edged** compliment, (2) **double-edged** tool

The **double-edged** sword could be used for both offense and defense.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

staunch

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

synonym: strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent

She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym : actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym : tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g__t washer
n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
2. inc_____ze carpooling
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
3. st_____h conviction
adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
4. do_____ay mistakes
v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
5. separatory fu___l
n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
6. lif_____ng efforts
n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
7. int_____le asset
n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
8. int_____le property rights
n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
9. an_____st legislation
adj. laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

ANSWERS: 1. grit, 2. incentivize, 3. staunch, 4. downplay, 5. funnel, 6. lifesaving, 7. intangible, 8. intangible, 9. antitrust

10. lai_____ire attitude *n.* an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices
11. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
12. a dou_____ged compliment *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
13. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
14. ti____r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
15. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
16. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
17. unq_____bly bad *adv.* without a doubt; certainly
18. st_____h opponent *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
19. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
20. ex post fa__o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
21. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 10. laissez-faire, 11. lifesaving, 12. double-edged, 13. aristocracy, 14. tinker, 15. facto, 16. aristocracy, 17. unquestionably, 18. staunch, 19. dictate, 20. facto, 21. sect

22. do____ay my ability *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
23. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
24. lai______ire approach *n.* an economic theory advocating minimal government intervention in the economy, allowing market forces to regulate production, supply, and prices
25. em___m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
26. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
27. national ou___y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
28. inc____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
29. face an inc____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
30. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
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ANSWERS: 22. downplay, 23. fiddle, 24. laissez-faire, 25. embalm, 26. grit, 27. outcry, 28. inconvenient, 29. inconvenient, 30. tinker, 31. dictate

32. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
33. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
34. dou_____ged tool *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
35. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
36. an_____st policy *adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies
37. unq_____bly safe *adv.* without a doubt; certainly
38. a great ou___y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
39. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
40. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
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ANSWERS: 32. hover, 33. sect, 34. double-edged, 35. funnel, 36. antitrust, 37. unquestionably, 38. outcry, 39. incentivize, 40. hover, 41. embalm

42. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
43. unbend a pa_____ip *n.* a small metal clip, typically circular, used to hold sheets of paper together
44. pa_____ip chain *n.* a small metal clip, typically circular, used to hold sheets of paper together

ANSWERS: 42. fiddle, 43. paperclip, 44. paperclip

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ he was the best candidate for the job.
adv. without a doubt; certainly
2. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
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