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Session 1: Word List

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

entangle

v. to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

synonym: ensnare, entrap, involve

(1) **entangle** in wires, (2) emotionally **entangle**

The vines of the plant **entangled** themselves around the trellis.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym: stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

scrooge

n. a miserly, stingy, or ungenerous person; someone who is excessively careful with their money and is unwilling to spend it

synonym: miser, skinflint, penny-pincher

(1) **scrooge** character, (2) a real **scrooge**

Don't be such a **scrooge** and share some of your wealth with

those in need.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the agricultural yield per ca___a | <i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 2. a real sc_____e | <i>n.</i> a miserly, stingy, or ungenerous person; someone who is excessively careful with their money and is unwilling to spend it |
| 3. sound very te_____ng | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |
| 4. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 5. en_____le in wires | <i>v.</i> to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape |
| 6. plutonium ho__d | <i>v.</i> to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use |
| 7. a little i_p | <i>n.</i> a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore |
| 8. am__s followers | <i>v.</i> to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference |

ANSWERS: 1. capita, 2. scrooge, 3. tempting, 4. inherit, 5. entangle, 6. hoard, 7. imp, 8. amass

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| 9. dr____c measures | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 10. behave like an i_p | <i>n.</i> a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore |
| 11. per ca____a sales | <i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 12. in____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 13. pr____r in the long run | <i>v.</i> to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish |
| 14. am__s a patent portfolio | <i>v.</i> to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference |
| 15. ho__d my possessions | <i>v.</i> to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use |
| 16. prospects were bl__k | <i>adj.</i> unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope |
| 17. un____l opportunity | <i>adj.</i> different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 18. st___e to death | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |

ANSWERS: 9. drastic, 10. imp, 11. capita, 12. inherit, 13. prosper, 14. amass, 15. hoard, 16. bleak, 17. unequal, 18. starve

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| 19. pr____r as a trading hub | <i>v.</i> to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish |
| 20. bl__k future | <i>adj.</i> unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope |
| 21. sc____e character | <i>n.</i> a miserly, stingy, or ungenerous person; someone who is excessively careful with their money and is unwilling to spend it |
| 22. te____ng offer | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |
| 23. un____l distribution | <i>adj.</i> different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 24. st___e for a victory | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 25. make dr____c revision | <i>adj.</i> radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact |
| 26. emotionally en____le | <i>v.</i> to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape |

ANSWERS: 19. prosper, 20. bleak, 21. scrooge, 22. tempting, 23. unequal, 24. starve, 25. drastic, 26. entangle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
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2. She had _____ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.
v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
3. Don't be such a _____ and share some of your wealth with those in need.
n. a miserly, stingy, or ungenerous person; someone who is excessively careful with their money and is unwilling to spend it
4. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.
v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
5. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
6. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
7. The vines of the plant _____ themselves around the trellis.
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ANSWERS: 1. imp, 2. amassed, 3. scrooge, 4. prosper, 5. starve, 6. capita, 7. entangled

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v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
12. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
13. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 8. drastic, 9. unequal, 10. tempting, 11. hoarded, 12. bleak, 13. inherited