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Session 1: Word List

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

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.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one

place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

clink

v. to make a sharp, ringing sound by striking one hard object against another; to make a sound like metal hitting glass

synonym: clatter, clang, rattle

(1) **clink** ice cubes, (2) **clink** their medals together in celebration

The bartender used a spoon to **clink** against the glass to signal that it was the last call.

confinement

n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

synonym: captivity, imprisonment, detention

(1) **confinement** cell, (2) house **confinement**

The prisoner spent months in solitary **confinement**.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly

colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

cub

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

spigot

n. a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe

synonym : faucet, tap, valve

(1) shut off the **spigot**, (2) open the **spigot**

The **spigot** on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.

out-of-the-way

adj. situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded

synonym : remote, secluded, isolated

(1) **out-of-the-way** location, (2) **out-of-the-way** store

The little cafe was **out-of-the-way** but finding it was worth the extra effort because the food was delicious.

stench

n. a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell

synonym : stench, odor, smell

(1) bad **stench**, (2) strong **stench**

The **stench** of rotting garbage wafted through the alleyway, making breathing hard.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party
The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

moneymaking

adj. designed or intended to make a profit or generate income, often in a way that is seen as lucrative or successful

synonym: profit-making, lucrative, money-spinning

(1) **moneymaking** scheme, (2) **moneymaking** opportunity
The **moneymaking** potential of the new business idea was impressive.

tentacle

n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pre_____on to authority
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
2. a squid's te_____le
n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
3. di_____st politicians
adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest
4. uni_____ble depths
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
5. on the ve__e of tears
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
6. uni_____ble horror
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
7. promote di_____st behavior
adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest
8. ab_____h censorship
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
9. wax a ha_____y floor
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
10. im_____on illegal immigrant
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 1. pretension, 2. tentacle, 3. dishonest, 4. unimaginable, 5. verge, 6. unimaginable, 7. dishonest, 8. abolish, 9. hallway, 10. imprison

11. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
12. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
13. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
14. con_____nt cell *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
15. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
16. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
17. out_____way store *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
18. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
19. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

ANSWERS: 11. cub, 12. distract, 13. grind, 14. confinement, 15. imprison, 16. ironic, 17. out-of-the-way, 18. refurbish, 19. enlightened

20. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
21. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
22. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
23. a tiger c__b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
24. the head of a ha____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
25. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
26. baseless pre____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
27. ab____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
28. de____n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
29. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
30. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 20. distract, 21. uphold, 22. tuck, 23. cub, 24. hallway, 25. accuse, 26. pretension, 27. abolish, 28. detain, 29. grind, 30. barb

31. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
32. in_____e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
33. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
34. cl__k their medals together in celebration *v.* to make a sharp, ringing sound by striking one hard object against another; to make a sound like metal hitting glass
35. mon_____ng scheme *adj.* designed or intended to make a profit or generate income, often in a way that is seen as lucrative or successful
36. posterior te_____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
37. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
38. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
39. house con_____nt *n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

ANSWERS: 31. labyrinth, 32. inmate, 33. enlightened, 34. clink, 35. moneymaking, 36. tentacle, 37. labyrinth, 38. migrant, 39. confinement

40. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
41. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
42. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
43. strong st____h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
44. de____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
45. in____e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
46. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
47. bad st____h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
48. shut off the sp____t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
49. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
50. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

ANSWERS: 40. refurbish, 41. barb, 42. migrant, 43. stench, 44. detain, 45. inmate, 46. profoundly, 47. stench, 48. spigot, 49. profoundly, 50. verge

51. open the sp___t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
52. mon_____ng opportunity *adj.* designed or intended to make a profit or generate income, often in a way that is seen as lucrative or successful
53. cl__k ice cubes *v.* to make a sharp, ringing sound by striking one hard object against another; to make a sound like metal hitting glass
54. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
55. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
56. de___t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
57. out_____way location *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
58. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
59. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
60. de___t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

ANSWERS: 51. spigot, 52. moneymaking, 53. clink, 54. ironic, 55. uphold, 56. deport, 57. out-of-the-way, 58. accuse, 59. tuck, 60. deport

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
2. The _____ on the outdoor faucet was leaking and needed to be fixed.
n. a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
3. The _____ potential of the new business idea was impressive.
adj. designed or intended to make a profit or generate income, often in a way that is seen as lucrative or successful
4. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
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n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
6. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.
n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
7. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
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- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
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21. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

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22. The prisoner spent months in solitary _____.

n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

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adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 16. accused, 17. abolish, 18. out-of-the-way, 19. uphold, 20. ironic, 21. grind, 22. confinement, 23. profoundly,

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- v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

ANSWERS: 24. stench, 25. tentacles, 26. dishonest, 27. barbs, 28. migrant, 29. pretensions, 30. deport

ANSWERS: