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Session 1: Word List

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

unfavorable

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
synonym : adverse, negative, hostile

(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews
The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

loophole

n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
synonym : loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**
A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

evade

v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
synonym : dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue
The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

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.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym: remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price

The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. exa_____te in degree | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 2. mi__r strike | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth |
| 3. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 4. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 5. ev__e an issue | <i>v.</i> to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something |
| 6. gr___y person | <i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food |
| 7. unf_____le reviews | <i>adj.</i> not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires |
| 8. per_____te chronic pain | <i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 9. gu___a pig | <i>n.</i> a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic |

ANSWERS: 1. exaggerate, 2. miner, 3. well-being, 4. intellect, 5. evade, 6. greedy, 7. unfavorable, 8. perpetuate, 9. guinea

10. ev__e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
11. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
12. finding a lo_____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
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ANSWERS: 10. evade, 11. corruptible, 12. loophole, 13. unfavorable, 14. labyrinth, 15. guinea, 16. labyrinth, 17. smuggle, 18. greedy, 19. deduct

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26. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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28. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
29. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 20. deduct, 21. loophole, 22. smuggle, 23. well-being, 24. miner, 25. intellect, 26. improvisation, 27. improvisation, 28. perpetuate, 29. exaggerate

30. cor_____le officials

adj. capable of being made to do something
dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 30. corruptible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. smuggle, 9. exaggerated, 10. improvisation, 11. evade, 12. unfavorable, 13. labyrinth, 14. loophole, 15. deducted

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