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Session 1: Word List

counterfeit

adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

synonym: fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

renown

n. widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired

synonym: fame, prestige, reputation

(1) academic **renown**, (2) architectural **renown**

The singer has gained international **renown** for her powerful voice and emotional performances.

embitter

v. to cause someone to feel bitter, resentful, or angry; to make something unpleasant or difficult to accept

synonym: enrage, antagonize, sour

(1) **embitter** your heart, (2) **embitter** relations

The unfair treatment of the employees has deeply **embittered** everyone in the office.

deduct

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

synonym: take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **deduct** from quality of life, (2) **deduct** from his fame

His terrible manners **deduct** from his good character.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym: fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym: ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

outwit

v. to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else

synonym: outsmart, outmaneuver, outfox

(1) **outwit** a problem, (2) **outwit** his competitors

He could **outwit** his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace
Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

oeuvre

n. the complete body of work created by an artist, writer, or other creative figures; a collection of works regarded as a unified whole and representative of the creator's artistic vision or style

synonym: body of work, magnum opus

(1) **oeuvre** collection, (2) musical **oeuvre**

The artist's **oeuvre** includes paintings, sculptures, and installations.

forgery

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

synonym: counterfeit, fake, imitation

(1) **forgery** scam, (2) passport **forgery**

The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over **forgery** in their collection.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

oblige

v. to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone

synonym: compel, require, force

(1) **oblige** him to reject, (2) **oblige** a request

As a citizen, we must **oblige** to the laws of the land.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym : invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

acquit

v. to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation

synonym: absolve, clear, exonerate

(1) **acquit** a suspect, (2) **acquit** him of his duty

The jury decided to **acquit** the defendant due to a lack of evidence.

swindle

v. to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

synonym: cheat, swindle, defraud

(1) online **swindle**, (2) **swindle** the public into believing

He tried to **swindle** me out of my money by selling me a fake product.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

despise

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

synonym: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de_____on tactics | <i>n.</i> the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action |
| 2. enthusiastic pr_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause |
| 3. al___e wrongdoing | <i>v.</i> to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence |
| 4. ob___e him to reject | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone |
| 5. architectural re___n | <i>n.</i> widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired |
| 6. high tr_____n | <i>n.</i> the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government |
| 7. ou___t his competitors | <i>v.</i> to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else |
| 8. m__t height | <i>n.</i> a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails |

ANSWERS: 1. deception, 2. proponent, 3. allege, 4. oblige, 5. renown, 6. treason, 7. outwit, 8. mast

9. ne____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
10. de____e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
11. pr____ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
12. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
13. de____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
14. ac____t him of his duty *v.* to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation
15. fo____y scam *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
16. sw____e the public into believing *v.* to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables
17. ac____t a suspect *v.* to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation

ANSWERS: 9. newfound, 10. despise, 11. priceless, 12. Christ, 13. deception, 14. acquit, 15. forgery, 16. swindle, 17. acquit

18. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
19. online sw_____e *v.* to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables
20. re_____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
21. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
22. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
23. ou___t a problem *v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else
24. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
25. cou_____it money *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

ANSWERS: 18. Christ, 19. swindle, 20. revered, 21. loot, 22. loot, 23. outwit, 24. priceless, 25. counterfeit

26. em_____er your heart *v.* to cause someone to feel bitter, resentful, or angry; to make something unpleasant or difficult to accept
27. ba_____e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
28. de_____t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
29. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
30. a ne_____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
31. ob_____e a request *v.* to force or require someone to do something through legal, social, or moral obligations; to voluntarily do something to help or please someone; to be indebted or grateful to someone
32. em_____er relations *v.* to cause someone to feel bitter, resentful, or angry; to make something unpleasant or difficult to accept
33. musical oe_____e *n.* the complete body of work created by an artist, writer, or other creative figures; a collection of works regarded as a unified whole and representative of the creator's artistic vision or style
34. de_____t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
35. ba_____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

ANSWERS: 26. embitter, 27. baroque, 28. detract, 29. proponent, 30. newfound, 31. oblige, 32. embitter, 33. oeuvre, 34. detract, 35. baroque

36. cou_____it document *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
37. the most re_____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
38. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
39. al____e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
40. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
41. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
42. secretly de_____e *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
43. oe____e collection *n.* the complete body of work created by an artist, writer, or other creative figures; a collection of works regarded as a unified whole and representative of the creator's artistic vision or style
44. academic re____n *n.* widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired

ANSWERS: 36. counterfeit, 37. revered, 38. treason, 39. allege, 40. pun, 41. pun, 42. despise, 43. oeuvre, 44. renown

45. built-up m__t

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

46. passport fo____y

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

ANSWERS: 45. mast, 46. forgery

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company hired a team of experts to identify _____ products in their supply chain.
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2. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.
v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
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4. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.
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6. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.
adj. extremely valuable or important
7. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
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ANSWERS: 1. counterfeit, 2. revered, 3. treason, 4. outwit, 5. oblige, 6. priceless, 7. pun

8. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
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14. The artist's _____ includes paintings, sculptures, and installations.
- n.* the complete body of work created by an artist, writer, or other creative figures; a collection of works regarded as a unified whole and representative of the creator's artistic vision or style

ANSWERS: 8. looted, 9. deception, 10. despise, 11. newfound, 12. detract, 13. swindle, 14. oeuvre

15. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
- n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
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21. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
22. The singer has gained international _____ for her powerful voice and emotional performances.
- n.* widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired

ANSWERS: 15. mast, 16. forgery, 17. alleged, 18. embittered, 19. acquit, 20. baroque, 21. Christmas, 22. renown

23. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

ANSWERS: 23. proponent