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Session 1: Word List

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

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.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the

betterment of society or humanity

synonym : dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym : larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result

I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

leaky

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

synonym: faulty, permeable, porous

(1) heal **leaky** gut, (2) **leaky** bucket

The boat had a **leaky** hull and needed to be patched.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym:

give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en__t the smoking ban | <i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 2. per_____te a myth | <i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 3. un_____ed potential | <i>adj.</i> not yet used or exploited |
| 4. imp_____hed family | <i>adj.</i> reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted |
| 5. mi__r industry | <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 |
| 6. ra_____e an aura | <i>v.</i> to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions |
| 7. che_____nt security | <i>n.</i> a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check |
| 8. imp_____hed nation | <i>adj.</i> reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted |
| 9. en__t new legislation | <i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 10. st___a against obesity | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person |

ANSWERS: 1. enact, 2. perpetuate, 3. untapped, 4. impoverished, 5. miner, 6. radiate, 7. checkpoint, 8. impoverished, 9. enact, 10. stigma

11. br____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
12. de____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
13. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
14. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
15. mi__r strike *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
16. a water fa____t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
17. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
18. heal le__y gut *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
19. military che____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

ANSWERS: 11. broaden, 12. devalue, 13. bribe, 14. idealist, 15. miner, 16. faucet, 17. reclaim, 18. leaky, 19. checkpoint

20. de____e others of profit v. to take away something from someone
21. le__y bucket *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. de____e him of his status v. to take away something from someone
24. ra_____e in all directions v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
25. re_____m a competitive position v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
26. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
27. pre_____ine result v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
28. pa___y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
29. pr_____ze healthcare v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
30. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
31. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

ANSWERS: 20. deprive, 21. leaky, 22. opportune, 23. deprive, 24. radiate, 25. reclaim, 26. daring, 27. predetermine, 28. pantry, 29. privatize, 30. daring, 31. hallway

32. de____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
33. id____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
34. fa____t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
35. per____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
36. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
37. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
38. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
39. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 32. devalue, 33. idealist, 34. faucet, 35. perpetuate, 36. intern, 37. bribe, 38. intern, 39. opportune

40. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
41. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
42. kitchen pa_____y *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
43. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
44. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
45. social st_____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
46. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 40. untapped, 41. hallway, 42. pantry, 43. privatize, 44. predetermine, 45. stigma, 46. broaden

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boat had a _____ hull and needed to be patched.
adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
2. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.
v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
3. That work _____ his fame.
v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
4. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
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6. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
7. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
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ANSWERS: 9. interned, 10. miner, 11. faucet, 12. pantry, 13. deprived, 14. idealist, 15. privatize

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- v. to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 16. broadened, 17. daring, 18. untapped, 19. predetermine, 20. bribe, 21. stigma, 22. opportune, 23. enacted

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