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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.

clank

v. to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other

synonym: clang, clatter, jangle

(1) **clank** my spoon against the glass, (2) **clank** of metal

He dropped the empty can, and it **clanked** loudly as it hit the garage's concrete floor.

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.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

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.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

relent

v. to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

synonym : yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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.

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. cl__k of metal
v. to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other
2. co____e the scope of use
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
3. a squid's te____le
n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. choose tr__p
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 1. clank, 2. confine, 3. tentacle, 4. ironic, 5. grind, 6. deport, 7. cub, 8. trump

9. di_____st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
10. in___e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
11. 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
12. 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
13. in___e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
14. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
15. out_____way store *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
16. 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
17. 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: 9. dishonest, 10. inmate, 11. ironic, 12. grind, 13. inmate, 14. abolish, 15. out-of-the-way, 16. barb, 17. verge

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| 18. make an enl_____ed decision | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook |
| 19. b__k in fear | <i>v.</i> to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something |
| 20. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 21. t__k into another cigarette | <i>v.</i> to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable |
| 22. di_____ct attention from the real issue | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 23. a la_____th of relationships | <i>n.</i> a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out |
| 24. de___t a refugee | <i>v.</i> to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime |
| 25. bad st___h | <i>n.</i> a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell |
| 26. b__b wire | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 27. out_____way location | <i>adj.</i> situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded |

ANSWERS: 18. enlightened, 19. balk, 20. detain, 21. tuck, 22. distract, 23. labyrinth, 24. deport, 25. stench, 26. barb, 27. out-of-the-way

28. shut off the sp___t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
29. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
30. 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
31. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
32. re___t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
33. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
34. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
35. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
36. open the sp___t *n.* a valve or faucet used to control the flow of liquid from a container or pipe
37. 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: 28. spigot, 29. hallway, 30. confinement, 31. unimaginable, 32. relent, 33. abolish, 34. detain, 35. unimaginable, 36. spigot, 37. confinement

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. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
40. 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
41. don't re____t until late in the evening *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
42. 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
43. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
44. 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
45. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
46. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
47. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 38. migrant, 39. hallway, 40. labyrinth, 41. relent, 42. refurbish, 43. profoundly, 44. verge, 45. distract, 46. confine, 47. imprison

48. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
49. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
50. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
51. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
52. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
53. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
54. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
55. 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
56. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 48. imprison, 49. balk, 50. trump, 51. republican, 52. enlightened, 53. cub, 54. profoundly, 55. refurbish, 56. accuse

57. 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
58. 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
59. 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
60. 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
61. posterior te_____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
62. promote di_____st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
63. strong st____h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
64. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
65. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 57. migrant, 58. tuck, 59. pretension, 60. pretension, 61. tentacle, 62. dishonest, 63. stench, 64. accuse, 65. republican

66. up___d tradition

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

67. cl__k my spoon against the glass

v. to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other

68. up___d the law

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

ANSWERS: 66. uphold, 67. clank, 68. uphold

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
 - v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

2. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
 - v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

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7. The _____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.
 - n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

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ANSWERS: 1. grind, 2. uphold, 3. balk, 4. hallway, 5. detained, 6. ironic, 7. cub, 8. profoundly,

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

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v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

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ANSWERS: 17. enlightened, 18. imprisoned, 19. verge, 20. labyrinth, 21. confined, 22. clanked, 23. republican

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ANSWERS: 24. refurbish, 25. inmates, 26. dishonest, 27. distract, 28. confinement, 29. pretensions, 30. tentacles

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ANSWERS: 31. stench, 32. unimaginable, 33. out-of-the-way, 34. barbs