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Session 1: Word List

wheelie

- n.* a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel

(1) **wheelie** tricks, (2) do a **wheelie**

He rode his bike down the street, popping a **wheelie** to impress his friends.

stunt

- n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

rev

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

misdemeanor

n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

synonym: infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**

A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym: reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym: sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

peg

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

synonym: pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate

The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

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.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. p_g in the ground | <i>n.</i> a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object |
| 2. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 3. as_____t pavement | <i>n.</i> a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen |
| 4. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 5. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 6. p_g an exchange rate | <i>n.</i> a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object |
| 7. ca_____g instrument | <i>n.</i> the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design |

ANSWERS: 1. peg, 2. industrious, 3. asphalt, 4. confuse, 5. confuse, 6. peg, 7. carving

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| 8. violent up____ng | <i>n.</i> a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority |
| 9. in____ct a student | <i>v.</i> to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 10. mis____or charge | <i>n.</i> a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months |
| 11. marked with a ha____g | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic |
| 12. as____t driveway | <i>n.</i> a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen |
| 13. in____ct a computer | <i>v.</i> to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 14. st__t brain growth | <i>n.</i> a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense |
| 15. inc____ion rates | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 16. wh____e tricks | <i>n.</i> a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel |

ANSWERS: 8. uprising, 9. instruct, 10. misdemeanor, 11. hashtag, 12. asphalt, 13. instruct, 14. stunt, 15. incarceration, 16. wheelie

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| 17. ey____w cosmetics | <i>n.</i> the hair arc over each eye in humans |
| 18. do a wh____e | <i>n.</i> a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel |
| 19. raise her ey____ws | <i>n.</i> the hair arc over each eye in humans |
| 20. mass inc_____ion | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 21. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 22. commit a mis_____or | <i>n.</i> a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months |
| 23. an op____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 24. st__k badly | <i>v.</i> to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical |
| 25. trending ha____g | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic |
| 26. ex____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |

ANSWERS: 17. eyebrow, 18. wheelie, 19. eyebrow, 20. incarceration, 21. rev, 22. misdemeanor, 23. opportune, 24. stink, 25. hashtag, 26. explode

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| 27. a wood ca____g | <i>n.</i> the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design |
| 28. ind____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 29. skydiving st__t | <i>n.</i> a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense |
| 30. r_v up the crowd | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 31. ex____e in popularity | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 32. op____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 33. stage an up____ng | <i>n.</i> a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority |
| 34. st__k up the place | <i>v.</i> to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical |

ANSWERS: 27. carving, 28. industrious, 29. stunt, 30. rev, 31. explode, 32. opportune, 33. uprising, 34. stink

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A _____ conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.
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4. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.
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5. He rode his bike down the street, popping a _____ to impress his friends.
n. a maneuver performed on a bicycle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle whereby the front wheel is lifted off the ground, and the rider moves forward on the rear wheel
6. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.
v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
7. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
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ANSWERS: 1. misdemeanor, 2. industrious, 3. opportune, 4. pegs, 5. wheelie, 6. stink, 7. hashtag

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v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
10. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
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ANSWERS: 8. carving, 9. confused, 10. incarceration, 11. rev, 12. instructed, 13. uprising, 14. eyebrow, 15. asphalt

16. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

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- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 16. stunt, 17. exploded