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Session 1: Word List

- veil** *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal
(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.
- kidnapping** *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap
(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**
She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.
- shatter** *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
synonym : break, crash, destroy
(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record
Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.
- batter** *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
synonym : beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box
He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
synonym: distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream
The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person
The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

karate

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
synonym: martial art, self-defense discipline

(1) **karate** moves, (2) black belt in **karate**
She has been practicing **karate** for years and has won many tournaments.

peddler

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

synonym : hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym : lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

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**.

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.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

motherland

n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land

where one's ancestors or family originated

synonym : homeland, fatherland, native land

(1) **motherland** defenders, (2) songs of **motherland**

He always spoke proudly of his **motherland** during the war.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

afflict

v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something

synonym : trouble, distress, bother

(1) **afflict** with the plague, (2) **afflict** the economy
The disease can **afflict** both humans and animals.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

Session 2: Spelling

1. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
2. pa____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
3. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
4. 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
5. black belt in ka___e *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
6. pa____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
7. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
8. af_____t with the plague *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
9. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. uneasy, 2. paralyze, 3. kidnapping, 4. confinement, 5. karate, 6. paralyze, 7. uneasy, 8. afflict, 9. veil, 10. confinement

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| 11. mass kid_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive |
| 12. cou_____us rescue attempt | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |
| 13. fa_____y dream | <i>adj.</i> located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible |
| 14. political ex__e | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 15. ri___e me a riddle | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game |
| 16. a di_____or with enormous powers | <i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 17. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 18. v__l of mystery | <i>n.</i> a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure |
| 19. im_____on illegal immigrant | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |
| 20. use of so_____ry confinement | <i>adj.</i> existing, living, or doing without others |
| 21. make a cou_____us decision | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |

ANSWERS: 11. kidnapping, 12. courageous, 13. faraway, 14. exile, 15. riddle, 16. dictator, 17. bury, 18. veil, 19. imprison, 20. solitary, 21. courageous

22. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
23. influence pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
24. ka_____e moves *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
25. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
26. songs of mot_____nd *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
27. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
28. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
29. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
30. mot_____nd defenders *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
31. drug pe_____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

ANSWERS: 22. shatter, 23. peddler, 24. karate, 25. shatter, 26. motherland, 27. faraway, 28. bury, 29. exile, 30. motherland, 31. peddler

32. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
33. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
34. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
35. af____t the economy *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
36. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
37. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
38. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
39. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
40. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
41. a so____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
42. im____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 32. riddle, 33. humming, 34. humming, 35. afflict, 36. fearless, 37. batter, 38. dictator, 39. batter, 40. fearless, 41. solitary, 42. imprison

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
2. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
3. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
4. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
5. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
6. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
7. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
8. The prisoner spent months in solitary _____.
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: 1. uneasy, 2. humming, 3. exiled, 4. courageous, 5. veil, 6. imprisoned, 7. dictator, 8. confinement

9. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
10. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
- adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
11. She has been practicing _____ for years and has won many tournaments.
- n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
12. The disease can _____ both humans and animals.
- v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
13. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
14. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
15. He always spoke proudly of his _____ during the war.
- n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
16. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
- adj.* having no fear; brave

ANSWERS: 9. kidnapping, 10. faraway, 11. karate, 12. afflict, 13. riddle, 14. paralyzed, 15. motherland, 16. fearless

17. The _____ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

18. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

19. He never uttered a _____ word.

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

20. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

21. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

ANSWERS: 17. peddler, 18. bury, 19. solitary, 20. battered, 21. shattered