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Session 1: Word List

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

lullaby

n. a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

synonym : cradle song, lilt, melody

(1) **lullaby** song, (2) soothing **lullaby**

The soft and gentle melody of the **lullaby** filled the room.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

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.

lawless

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

synonym : unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

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.

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.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

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.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. da___g escape | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 2. la____s society | <i>adj.</i> lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system |
| 3. pr____im law | <i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully |
| 4. ex__e community | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 5. hu____te him publicly | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information |
| 6. political ex__e | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 7. fe____ss bravery | <i>adj.</i> having no fear; brave |
| 8. fe____ss attitude | <i>adj.</i> having no fear; brave |
| 9. hu____te the heckler in the audience | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information |
| 10. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |

ANSWERS: 1. daring, 2. lawless, 3. proclaim, 4. exile, 5. humiliate, 6. exile, 7. fearless, 8. fearless, 9. humiliate, 10. detain

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| 11. soothing lu____y | <i>n.</i> a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect |
| 12. cast fri_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 13. de___n for investigation | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 14. ba____ot fashion | <i>adj.</i> without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet |
| 15. aut_____ian government | <i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |
| 16. make a da___g face | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 17. ba____ot walk | <i>adj.</i> without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet |
| 18. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 19. el_____e educational standards | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position |
| 20. inv_____le army | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable |
| 21. inv_____le will | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable |
| 22. aut_____ian practice | <i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |

ANSWERS: 11. lullaby, 12. frightening, 13. detain, 14. barefoot, 15. authoritarian, 16. daring, 17. barefoot, 18. frightening, 19. elevate, 20. invincible, 21. invincible, 22. authoritarian

23. la____s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
24. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
25. pr____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
26. lu____y song *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

ANSWERS: 23. lawless, 24. elevate, 25. proclaim, 26. lullaby

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

2. The team felt _____ after their winning streak.
adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

3. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

4. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave

5. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

6. 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

7. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
adj. brave and taking risks

8. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 1. humiliated, 2. invincible, 3. proclaimed, 4. fearless, 5. elevates, 6. exiled, 7. daring, 8. detained

9. The underground club was a _____ environment where anything could happen.

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

10. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

11. The _____ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

12. The soft and gentle melody of the _____ filled the room.

n. a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

13. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 9. lawless, 10. frightening, 11. barefoot, 12. lullaby, 13. authoritarian