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Session 1: Word List

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

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.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

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.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym: assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

pretrial

adj. referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time

synonym: preliminary

(1) **pretrial** conference, (2) **pretrial** detention

The **pretrial** hearings will begin next week to determine if there is enough evidence to go to trial.

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.

hefty

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
synonym : weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

prohibitively

adv. in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive

synonym : excessively

(1) **prohibitively** long time, (2) **prohibitively** difficult

The cost of the project was **prohibitively** high for the company to consider.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym: endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

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.

rearrest

v. to arrest someone again, typically for another crime or violation of the law, after a previous arrest or release from custody

synonym: reapprehend, take back into custody

(1) **rearrest** an escaped prisoner, (2) **rearrest** the repeat offender

The suspect was **rearrested** after violating the terms of their probation.

reoffend

v. to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense

synonym: recidivate, relapse

(1) **reoffend** within a year, (2) **reoffend** risk

It is disheartening to see individuals repeatedly **reoffend** despite receiving multiple chances for rehabilitation.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

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.

reformer

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

synonym: inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ab____h slavery v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
2. re____st the repeat offender v. to arrest someone again, typically for another crime or violation of the law, after a previous arrest or release from custody
3. dis_____ely affected adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
4. re____nd risk v. to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense
5. pr____e innocence v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
6. pro_____ely long time adv. in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive
7. education re____er n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
8. so____al norms adj. relating to society or social relationships
9. pro_____ely difficult adv. in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive

ANSWERS: 1. abolish, 2. rearrest, 3. disproportionately, 4. reoffend, 5. presume, 6. prohibitively, 7. reformer, 8. societal, 9. prohibitively

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| 10. pr_____e on his tolerance | v. | to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance |
| 11. a means of liv_____od | n. | a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 12. postpone a meeting ind_____ely | adv. | without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time |
| 13. ind_____ely suspended | adv. | without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time |
| 14. inc_____te the murderer | v. | to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 15. de___n a terrorist | v. | to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 16. catalytic re_____er | n. | a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it |
| 17. ab_____h censorship | v. | to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 18. ac___e his rudeness | v. | to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 19. pl__d a political cause | v. | to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy |
| 20. de___n for investigation | v. | to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 21. im_____on illegal immigrant | v. | to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |

ANSWERS: 10. presume, 11. livelihood, 12. indefinitely, 13. indefinitely, 14. incarcerate, 15. detain, 16. reformer, 17. abolish, 18. accuse, 19. plead, 20. detain, 21. imprison

22. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
23. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
24. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
25. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
26. ac_____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
27. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
28. re_____nd within a year *v.* to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense
29. he__y price *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
30. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
31. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
32. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 22. livelihood, 23. incarceration, 24. incarcerate, 25. convict, 26. accuse, 27. presumption, 28. reoffend, 29. hefty, 30. creditor, 31. societal, 32. convict

33. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
34. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
35. pr_____al conference *adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time
36. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
37. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. re_____st an escaped prisoner *v.* to arrest someone again, typically for another crime or violation of the law, after a previous arrest or release from custody
39. su_____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
40. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 33. presumption, 34. disproportionately, 35. pretrial, 36. imprison, 37. creditor, 38. rearrest, 39. subvert, 40. subvert

41. he__y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
42. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
43. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
44. pr_____al detention *adj.* referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time

ANSWERS: 41. hefty, 42. plead, 43. incarceration, 44. pretrial

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is disheartening to see individuals repeatedly _____ despite receiving multiple chances for rehabilitation.
 - v. to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense

2. The suspect was _____ after violating the terms of their probation.
 - v. to arrest someone again, typically for another crime or violation of the law, after a previous arrest or release from custody

3. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
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 - v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

5. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
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ANSWERS: 1. reoffend, 2. rearrested, 3. presumption, 4. incarcerated, 5. societal, 6. presume, 7. reformer

8. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
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9. The _____ hearings will begin next week to determine if there is enough evidence to go to trial.
adj. referring to a period before a criminal trial, usually used for legal proceedings or investigations that take place during this time
10. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
11. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
12. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
13. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
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14. The _____ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.
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15. The cost of the project was _____ high for the company to consider.
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ANSWERS: 8. detained, 9. pretrial, 10. incarceration, 11. livelihood, 12. convicted, 13. subvert, 14. hefty, 15. prohibitively

16. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

17. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

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18. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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21. He was _____ for embezzlement.

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