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Session 1: Word List

whiskey

n. a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

synonym : bourbon, scotch, rye

(1) bootleg **whiskey**, (2) **whiskey** barrel

I enjoy a glass of **whiskey** on the rocks after a long day.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

saloon

n. a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

synonym : barroom, tavern, pub

(1) **saloon** cabin, (2) western-style **saloon**

She sat on a bar stool in the **saloon**, sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.

temperance

n. moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior

synonym : abstinence, sobriety, teetotalism

(1) **temperance** society, (2) **temperance** pledge

The **temperance** movement was a push to ban alcohol consumption in the United States in the early 1900s.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

rum

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

synonym : liquor, spirits, alcohol

(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**

The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym : make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

winery

n. a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales

synonym : vineyard, wine cellar

(1) **winery** tour, (2) boutique **winery**

She works as a sommelier at a prestigious **winery** in Napa Valley.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

speakeasy

n. a place where alcoholic beverages were illegally sold and consumed in the United States during the period of Prohibition (1920-1933); a secret, hidden, or unlicensed establishment where alcohol or other illegal activities may take place

(1) Prohibition-era **speakeasy**, (2) underground **speakeasy**

The entrance to the **speakeasy** was hidden behind a bookshelf.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym : gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury,

or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
synonym: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

flout

v. to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone

synonym: defy, disobey, disregard

(1) **flout** his order, (2) **flout** the rules

The politician decided to **flout** the law and run for office despite being ineligible.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

sorely

adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

synonym: severely, acutely, greatly

(1) **sorely** missed, (2) **sorely** in need

I was **sorely** disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sm_____e drugs
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
2. lu_____ve market
adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
3. il_____t drugs
adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
4. underground sp_____sy
n. a place where alcoholic beverages were illegally sold and consumed in the United States during the period of Prohibition (1920-1933); a secret, hidden, or unlicensed establishment where alcohol or other illegal activities may take place
5. de_____ce a heresy
v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
6. so____y in need
adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
7. cor_____le judges
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
8. po_____us chemicals
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
9. uni_____ed bias
adj. not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 1. smuggle, 2. lucrative, 3. illicit, 4. speakeasy, 5. denounce, 6. sorely, 7. corruptible, 8. poisonous, 9. unintended

10. r_m cocktail *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
11. tem_____ce society *n.* moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior
12. Prohibition-era sp_____sy *n.* a place where alcoholic beverages were illegally sold and consumed in the United States during the period of Prohibition (1920-1933); a secret, hidden, or unlicensed establishment where alcohol or other illegal activities may take place
13. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
14. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
15. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
16. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
17. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
18. fl__t his order *v.* to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone

ANSWERS: 10. rum, 11. temperance, 12. speakeasy, 13. settler, 14. distill, 15. dingy, 16. brew, 17. corruptible, 18. flout

19. western-style sa___n *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities
20. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
21. wh_____y barrel *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers
22. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
23. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
28. so___y missed *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

ANSWERS: 19. saloon, 20. unintended, 21. whiskey, 22. disrupt, 23. denounce, 24. opportune, 25. distill, 26. opportune, 27. settler, 28. sorely

29. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
30. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
31. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
32. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
33. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
34. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
35. boutique wi____y *n.* a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales
36. sa____n cabin *n.* a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

ANSWERS: 29. congressperson, 30. poisonous, 31. smuggle, 32. protestant, 33. brew, 34. congressperson, 35. winery, 36. saloon

37. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
38. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
39. fl__t the rules *v.* to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone
40. wi___y tour *n.* a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales
41. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
42. il_____t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
43. tem_____ce pledge *n.* moderation or restraint, especially in the consumption of alcohol; the movement in the United States and other countries advocating for reduced or eliminated alcohol consumption and temperate behavior
44. bootleg wh_____y *n.* a type of distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains, typically barley, corn, rye, or wheat, aged in barrels and often consumed straight or with mixers

ANSWERS: 37. dingy, 38. protestant, 39. flout, 40. winery, 41. disrupt, 42. illicit, 43. temperance, 44. whiskey

45. lu_____ve deal

adj. producing a great deal of profit;
financially rewarding

46. spiced r_m

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made
from sugarcane or molasses, often
aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or
spicy flavor

ANSWERS: 45. lucrative, 46. rum

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
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3. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

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adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

5. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

6. She sat on a bar stool in the _____ sipping her whiskey and watching the live music.
n. a place of business, typically a bar or tavern, that serves alcoholic drinks and often features entertainment or social activities

7. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.
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ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. speakeasy, 3. smuggle, 4. sorely, 5. corruptible, 6. saloon, 7. lucrative

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ANSWERS: 8. congressperson, 9. unintended, 10. Protestant, 11. flout, 12. distill, 13. settler, 14. temperance

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17. He was arrested for his _____ activities in the black market.

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18. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

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20. The _____ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

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21. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

22. She works as a sommelier at a prestigious _____ in Napa Valley.

n. a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales

ANSWERS: 15. dingy, 16. poisonous snakes, 17. illicit, 18. brew, 19. opportune, 20. rum, 21. denounced, 22. winery

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ANSWERS: 23. whiskey