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Session 1: Word List

flannel

n. a soft and fuzzy fabric made of wool, cotton, or synthetic fibers, often used for clothing or bedding; (verb) to speak in a vague or evasive manner, often with the intention of misleading, avoiding direct answers, or flattering

synonym : wool, fabric, plaid

(1) plaid **flannel** shirt, (2) **flannel** sheets

The cozy cabin was decorated with **flannel** blankets and rustic furnishings.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym : nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

lollipop

n. a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick

synonym: sucker, candy, sweet

(1) **lollipop** candy, (2) giant **lollipop**

The child happily licked the rainbow-colored **lollipop**.

thunderstorm

n. a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

synonym: tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

retroactive

adj. taking effect from a date in the past rather than the present; applying to a prior period or event

synonym : retrospective, backward-looking

(1) **retroactive** interference, (2) **retroactive** changes

The **retroactive** pay increase was a nice surprise for the employees.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym : observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

inadmissible

adj. not admissible or allowed, particularly in a legal or formal setting; not acceptable or appropriate

synonym : unacceptable, impermissible, prohibited

(1) **inadmissible** evidence, (2) **inadmissible** argument
The evidence presented by the defense was found to be **inadmissible** in court.

juror

n. a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial

synonym: jurist, arbiter, assessor

(1) **juror** selection, (2) **juror** anonymity

A **juror's** question during deliberations led to the discovery of new evidence in the case.

ironclad

adj. very strong and effective, particularly in the face of challenge or opposition; (of a vessel) covered or protected by iron plates for defense against attack

synonym: impenetrable, invulnerable, armored

(1) **ironclad** guarantee, (2) **ironclad** evidence

The **ironclad** contract ensured that both parties would fulfill their obligations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
2. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
3. ir_____ad evidence *adj.* very strong and effective, particularly in the face of challenge or opposition; (of a vessel) covered or protected by iron plates for defense against attack
4. ret_____ve changes *adj.* taking effect from a date in the past rather than the present; applying to a prior period or event
5. ju__r anonymity *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
6. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
7. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
8. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
9. ina_____ble evidence *adj.* not admissible or allowed, particularly in a legal or formal setting; not acceptable or appropriate

ANSWERS: 1. magnify, 2. unreliable, 3. ironclad, 4. retroactive, 5. juror, 6. neurological, 7. confession, 8. interrogate, 9. inadmissible

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| 10. unr_____le source of information | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 11. giant lo_____op | <i>n.</i> a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick |
| 12. eye_____ss report | <i>n.</i> someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened |
| 13. rec_____ion of a traumatic event | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or the state of being remembered |
| 14. thu_____orm advisory | <i>n.</i> a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind |
| 15. a con_____on of guilt | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal |
| 16. co_____om trial | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 17. co_____om drama | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 18. ma_____y the image for display | <i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 19. fl_____l sheets | <i>n.</i> a soft and fuzzy fabric made of wool, cotton, or synthetic fibers, often used for clothing or bedding; (verb) to speak in a vague or evasive manner, often with the intention of misleading, avoiding direct answers, or flattering |
| 20. a vague rec_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or the state of being remembered |

ANSWERS: 10. unreliable, 11. lollipop, 12. eyewitness, 13. recollection, 14. thunderstorm, 15. confession, 16. courtroom, 17. courtroom, 18. magnify, 19. flannel, 20. recollection

21. ir____ad guarantee *adj.* very strong and effective, particularly in the face of challenge or opposition; (of a vessel) covered or protected by iron plates for defense against attack
22. ina_____ble argument *adj.* not admissible or allowed, particularly in a legal or formal setting; not acceptable or appropriate
23. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
24. plaid fl_____l shirt *n.* a soft and fuzzy fabric made of wool, cotton, or synthetic fibers, often used for clothing or bedding; (verb) to speak in a vague or evasive manner, often with the intention of misleading, avoiding direct answers, or flattering
25. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
26. di_____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
27. di_____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
28. severe thu_____orms *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
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ANSWERS: 21. ironclad, 22. inadmissible, 23. neurological, 24. flannel, 25. interrogate, 26. diverge, 27. diverge, 28. thunderstorm, 29. retroactive

30. ju__r selection *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
31. lo____op candy *n.* a type of candy made of hard candy or toffee on a stick; a round or oval-shaped candy or sweet on a stick
32. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

ANSWERS: 30. juror, 31. lollipop, 32. eyewitness

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
 - v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
2. The forecast called for a chance of _____ in the afternoon.
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3. A _____ question during deliberations led to the discovery of new evidence in the case.
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7. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.
 - adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

ANSWERS: 1. magnify, 2. thunderstorms, 3. juror's, 4. interrogate, 5. confession, 6. retroactive, 7. neurological

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n. a room in which a court of law is held
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ANSWERS: 8. inadmissible, 9. flannel, 10. unreliable, 11. lollipop, 12. recollections, 13. eyewitness, 14. courtroom, 15. diverge,

16. The _____ contract ensured that both parties would fulfill their obligations.
adj. very strong and effective, particularly in the face of challenge or opposition; (of a vessel) covered or protected by iron plates for defense against attack

ANSWERS: 16. ironclad