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Session 1: Word List

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym: learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

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.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym: blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym: shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym: cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus
The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a
high-rolling gambler.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. con_____ble aircraft | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed |
| 2. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 3. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 4. ac____e each other | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 5. y__l for help | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 6. ac____e his rudeness | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 7. co____l a person to submission | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |
| 8. m__k lifestyle | <i>n.</i> a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 9. ti__d handshake | <i>adj.</i> showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk |
| 10. c__p their meal | <i>v.</i> short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment |

ANSWERS: 1. controllable, 2. determinant, 3. determinant, 4. accuse, 5. yell, 6. accuse, 7. compel, 8. monk, 9. timid, 10. comp

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| 11. imp_____le story | <i>adj.</i> not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring |
| 12. bl__t about the inside story | <i>v.</i> to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally |
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| 14. computer-con_____ble | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed |
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| 16. inexcusable tra_____ion | <i>n.</i> the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle |
| 17. fortune-te___r | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience |
| 18. cloistered m__k | <i>n.</i> a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 19. commit a tra_____ion | <i>n.</i> the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle |
| 20. y__l as loud as we can | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |

ANSWERS: 11. improbable, 12. blurt, 13. contradict, 14. controllable, 15. improbable, 16. transgression, 17. teller, 18. monk, 19. transgression, 20. yell

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| 21. te___r machine | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience |
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| 25. app_____ce carpenter | <i>n.</i> a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves |
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