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Session 1: Word List

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym : hymn, song, paeon

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer
The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

welsh

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

synonym : default, renege, fail to pay

(1) **welsh** on a promise, (2) **welsh** on the deal
The sheepherder had to **welsh** some of the animals due to illness.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**
The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
synonym: slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**
The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

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.

counterattack

n. an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
synonym: retaliation, reprisal, response

(1) gear up for a **counterattack**, (2) launch a **counterattack**
The company launched a **counterattack** against its rivals with a new marketing campaign.

mockery

n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
synonym: ridicule, derision, taunt

(1) **mockery** of the situation, (2) public **mockery**
The comedian's **mockery** of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

housekeeping

n. the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

synonym : cleaning, housework, tidying up

(1) **housekeeping** duties, (2) daily **housekeeping**

The hotel's **housekeeping** staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

deterrent

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym : hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

rescind

v. to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established

synonym : cancel, revoke, annul

(1) **rescind** a decision, (2) **rescind** a contract

The company had to **rescind** its new policy when it caused employee outrage.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

unicorn

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

synonym: mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym: childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

Session 2: Spelling

1. part-time na__y
n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
2. hou_____ing duties
n. the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
3. cold-blooded at_____ty
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
4. a com_____ate heart
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
5. mo_____y of the situation
n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
6. co_____om trial
n. a room in which a court of law is held
7. re_____m land from the sea
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
8. criminal de_____nt
n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
9. nuclear de_____nt
n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

ANSWERS: 1. nanny, 2. housekeeping, 3. atrocity, 4. compassionate, 5. mockery, 6. courtroom, 7. reclaim, 8. deterrent, 9. deterrent

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| 10. un____n beetle | <i>n.</i> | a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion |
| 11. de____t dissidents from the party | <i>v.</i> | to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime |
| 12. an____m singer | <i>n.</i> | a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause |
| 13. office ca_____ia | <i>n.</i> | a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc. |
| 14. g__t determination | <i>n.</i> | very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles |
| 15. we__h on the deal | <i>v.</i> | to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement |
| 16. commit at_____ty | <i>n.</i> | brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 17. launch a cou_____ack | <i>n.</i> | an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it |
| 18. cu_____r of a library | <i>n.</i> | a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc. |
| 19. professional na__y | <i>n.</i> | a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis |

ANSWERS: 10. unicorn, 11. deport, 12. anthem, 13. cafeteria, 14. grit, 15. welsh, 16. atrocity, 17. counterattack, 18. curator, 19. nanny

20. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
21. public mo_____y *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
22. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
23. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
25. de___t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
26. re_____d a contract *v.* to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established
27. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
28. re_____d a decision *v.* to officially revoke or cancel a decision, law, or agreement; to undo or annul something previously established
29. a national an___m *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

ANSWERS: 20. grit, 21. mockery, 22. improvisation, 23. improvisation, 24. grandparent, 25. deport, 26. rescind, 27. Christ, 28. rescind, 29. anthem

30. animal ma____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
31. co____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
32. great-gra____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
33. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
34. late co____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
35. un____n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
36. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
37. we__h on a promise *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
38. gear up for a cou____ack *n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
39. daily hou____ing *n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

ANSWERS: 30. massacre, 31. courtroom, 32. grandparent, 33. curator, 34. cofounder, 35. unicorn, 36. Christ, 37. welsh, 38. counterattack, 39. housekeeping

40. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
41. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
42. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
43. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
44. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 40. massacre, 41. compassionate, 42. cafeteria, 43. cofounder, 44. reclaim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The comedian's _____ of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.
 - n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

2. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
 - n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

3. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.
 - n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

4. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
 - n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

5. In medieval times, people believed that the _____ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.
 - n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

6. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
 - n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

7. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
 - v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 1. mockery, 2. massacre, 3. anthem, 4. atrocity, 5. unicorn, 6. nanny, 7. reclaim

8. The shepherd had to _____ some of the animals due to illness.
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9. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
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- n.* a parent of one's father or mother
13. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
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ANSWERS: 8. welsh, 9. grit, 10. curator, 11. Christmas, 12. grandparents, 13. courtroom, 14. improvisation, 15. cafeteria

16. The hotel's _____ staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.
- n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
17. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
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