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Session 1: Word List

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym: penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

embezzle

v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

synonym : steal, defraud, swindle

(1) **embezzle** money, (2) **embezzled** funds

He used his position of trust to **embezzle** donations meant for an orphanage.

extort

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym : coerce, blackmail, squeeze

(1) **extort** information, (2) **extort** a confession

The criminals tried to **extort** money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym : diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym : frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

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.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

underpaid

adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

synonym: undervalued, under-compensated, under-rewarded

(1) **underpaid** mail, (2) **underpaid** position

Many people believe that they are **underpaid** for the work that they do.

extortion

n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: blackmail, coercion, shakedown

(1) **extortion** letter, (2) **extortion** scheme

In this era of cybercrime, digital **extortion** is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

embezzlement

n. the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility

synonym : theft, stealing, fraud

(1) financial **embezzlement**, (2) **embezzlement** of funds

The **embezzlement** scandal rocked the company, resulting in several employees losing their jobs.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

workaround

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

synonym : alternative, temporary fix, quick-fix

(1) **workaround** solution, (2) software **workaround**

When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick **workaround** to save my progress.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym : prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. ins_____ize a system | v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 2. br__e him with food | v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements |
| 3. financial emb_____ent | n. the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility |
| 4. em_____le money | v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority |
| 5. software wor_____nd | n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations |
| 6. cor_____le judges | adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |
| 7. fu_____s anger | adj. extremely angry; full of rage |
| 8. aut_____ian government | adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |

ANSWERS: 1. institutionalize, 2. bribe, 3. embezzlement, 4. embezzle, 5. workaround, 6. corruptible, 7. furious, 8. authoritarian

9. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
10. vulnerable to br____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
11. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. ex_____on scheme *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
13. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
15. har_____ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
16. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
17. un_____id position *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
18. br____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
19. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. pe_____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
21. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 9. furious, 10. bribery, 11. opportune, 12. extortion, 13. industrious, 14. endemic, 15. hardworking, 16. flourish, 17. underpaid, 18. bribery, 19. industrious, 20. permeate, 21. scarcity

22. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
23. em_____led funds *v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
24. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
25. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. pe_____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
28. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
29. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
30. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
31. ex_____on letter *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
32. un_____id mail *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

ANSWERS: 22. prosperous, 23. embezzle, 24. bribe, 25. corruptible, 26. opportune, 27. permeate, 28. endemic, 29. revolutionize, 30. sub-Saharan, 31. extortion, 32. underpaid

33. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
34. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
35. retire from har_____ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
36. ex___t information *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
37. emb_____ent of funds *n.* the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility
38. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
39. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
40. wor_____nd solution *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
41. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
42. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
43. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

ANSWERS: 33. hinder, 34. scarcity, 35. hardworking, 36. extort, 37. embezzlement, 38. institutionalize, 39. sub-Saharan, 40. workaround, 41. hinder, 42. prosperous, 43. revolutionize

44. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
45. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
46. ex____t a confession *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

ANSWERS: 44. authoritarian, 45. flourish, 46. extort

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many people believe that they are _____ for the work that they do.
adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
2. The _____ scandal rocked the company, resulting in several employees losing their jobs.
n. the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility
3. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
4. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.
v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
5. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
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v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
8. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 1. underpaid, 2. embezzlement, 3. prosperous, 4. hindered, 5. endemic, 6. permeated, 7. extort, 8. corruptible

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v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

22. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 17. furious, 18. bribe, 19. institutionalize, 20. authoritarian, 21. flourished, 22. bribery, 23. opportune