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Session 1: Word List

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

persecute

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

synonym: victimize, harass, oppress

(1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts

The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

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.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

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.

backstory

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

synonym: history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 2. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 3. the ha_____rk of modern life | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing |
| 4. pe_____te for small debts | <i>v.</i> to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity |
| 5. in_____pt X rays | <i>v.</i> to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination |
| 6. the ha_____rk of a good scientist | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing |
| 7. great-gra_____nt | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 8. chicken br___h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 9. Je___h history | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 10. pr_____ic politics | <i>adj.</i> practical rather than idealistic |
| 11. pe_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |

ANSWERS: 1. Jewish, 2. detain, 3. hallmark, 4. persecute, 5. intercept, 6. hallmark, 7. grandparent, 8. broth, 9. Jewish, 10. pragmatic, 11. pervasive

12. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
13. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
14. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
15. nuclear de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
16. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
17. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
18. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
19. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
20. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

ANSWERS: 12. broth, 13. checkpoint, 14. migrant, 15. deterrent, 16. migrant, 17. beacon, 18. grandparent, 19. pragmatic, 20. backstory

21. criminal de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
22. de____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
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27. be____n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
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ANSWERS: 21. deterrent, 22. detain, 23. pervasive, 24. checkpoint, 25. persecute, 26. backstory, 27. beacon, 28. intercept

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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2. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
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3. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
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ANSWERS: 1. checkpoint, 2. detained, 3. grandparents, 4. backstory, 5. hallmark, 6. migrant, 7. pervasive

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ANSWERS: 8. intercept, 9. broth, 10. beacon, 11. Jewish, 12. pragmatic, 13. deterrent, 14. persecute