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Session 1: Word List

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

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.

pasty

n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

synonym : pastry, pie

(1) **pasty** face, (2) Cornish **pasty**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pasty** at that bakery on my way home from work.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

penitentiary

n. a prison for people convicted of serious crimes; a place for long-term confinement and punishment for convicted criminals

synonym : prison, jail, correctional facility

(1) **penitentiary** system, (2) federal **penitentiary**

The prisoner was sent to the juvenile **penitentiary** to serve his sentence for his crime.

mania

n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

synonym : obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

margarita

n. a cocktail made with tequila, lime juice, and orange liqueur, typically served with salt on the rim of the glass

(1) **margarita** cocktail, (2) **margarita** mix

I could use a frozen **margarita** on this hot summer day.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

synonym : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

foreman

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

synonym : supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

relive

v. to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

synonym: revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality

She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

abolitionist

n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

synonym : antislavery activist, emancipator, liberator

(1) slavery **abolitionist**, (2) women's rights **abolitionist**

Harriet Tubman was a well-known **abolitionist** who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cl__g tightly to the skin | v. | to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something |
| 2. as____d everyone | v. | to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 3. re___e my youth | v. | to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time |
| 4. as____d the viewer | v. | to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 5. start-up ma__a | n. | a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something |
| 6. fo____n position | n. | a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court |
| 7. b__y emotion | v. | to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 8. dance ma__a | n. | a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something |

ANSWERS: 1. cling, 2. astound, 3. relive, 4. astound, 5. mania, 6. foreman, 7. bury, 8. mania

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| 9. financial dev_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale |
| 10. ma_____ta cocktail | <i>n.</i> a cocktail made with tequila, lime juice, and orange liqueur, typically served with salt on the rim of the glass |
| 11. k_n of the person | <i>n.</i> knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know |
| 12. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 13. cl__g onto power | <i>v.</i> to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something |
| 14. teaching of Ch____t | <i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |
| 15. federal pen_____ary | <i>n.</i> a prison for people convicted of serious crimes; a place for long-term confinement and punishment for convicted criminals |
| 16. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 17. pre_____on to authority | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 18. effectively int_____te a thief | <i>v.</i> to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do |

ANSWERS: 9. devastation, 10. margarita, 11. ken, 12. grandchild, 13. cling, 14. Christ, 15. penitentiary, 16. grandchild, 17. pretension, 18. intimidate

19. a gray mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
20. re___e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
21. women's rights abo____ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
22. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
23. fo____n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
24. 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
25. municipal cou____se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
26. big mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
27. dis____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

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28. ju__r anonymity *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
29. Cornish pa__y *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
30. ma_____ta mix *n.* a cocktail made with tequila, lime juice, and orange liqueur, typically served with salt on the rim of the glass
31. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
32. pa__y face *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
33. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
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35. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
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41. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
42. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
43. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
44. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

ANSWERS: 37. penitentiary, 38. ken, 39. juror, 40. disillusion, 41. courthouse, 42. mindset, 43. mindset, 44. complacent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
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