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Session 1: Word List

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym : lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

molasses

n. a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking

synonym : treacle, syrup, honey

(1) **molasses** cookies, (2) thick **molasses**

The recipe calls for a tablespoon of **molasses** to add sweetness.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
2. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
3. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
4. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
5. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
6. 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
7. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
8. thick mo_____es *n.* a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking
9. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. prosperous, 2. flourish, 3. haunt, 4. mobilize, 5. haunt, 6. bribe, 7. mobilize, 8. molasses, 9. sect

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18. secret s__t
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19. ha____d house
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ANSWERS: 10. flourish, 11. haunted, 12. shatter, 13. inferiority, 14. prosperous, 15. stifle, 16. shatter, 17. bribe, 18. sect, 19. haunted

20. st___e creativity

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

21. inf_____ty mindset

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

22. mo_____es cookies

n. a thick, dark syrup made from boiled sugar cane or sugar beet juice, often used as a sweetener in cooking and baking

ANSWERS: 20. stifle, 21. inferiority, 22. molasses

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
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ANSWERS: 1. flourished, 2. mobilized, 3. sect, 4. prosperous, 5. inferiority, 6. shattered, 7. haunt

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ANSWERS: 8. molasses, 9. bribe, 10. stifle, 11. haunted,