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Session 1: Word List

incompetence

n. lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

synonym: inability, incapacity, ineptitude

(1) have a feeling of **incompetence**, (2) **incompetence** of urine

Her behavior testified to her **incompetence**.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

acquittal

n. a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof

synonym: exculpation, vindication, exoneration

(1) **acquittal** verdict, (2) speedy **acquittal**

The jury's **acquittal** of the defendant shocked many people who believed he was guilty.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym: tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym : chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

disqualify

v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

synonym : disbar, invalidate, exclude

(1) **disqualify** a candidate, (2) **disqualify** from the election

The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to **disqualify** him from the competition.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

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**.

misdemeanor

n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

synonym : infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**

A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

acquit

v. to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation

synonym: absolve, clear, exonerate

(1) **acquit** a suspect, (2) **acquit** him of his duty

The jury decided to **acquit** the defendant due to a lack of evidence.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

Session 2: Spelling

1. br____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
2. have a feeling of inc_____nce *n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done
3. mo____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
4. im____h official *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
5. speedy ac_____al *n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
6. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
7. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
8. co____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
9. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 1. bribery, 2. incompetence, 3. monarch, 4. impeach, 5. acquittal, 6. senator, 7. indict, 8. convict, 9. resigned

10. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
11. im_____h him with an error *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
12. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
13. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
14. inc_____nce of urine *n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done
15. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
16. co_____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
17. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
18. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice

ANSWERS: 10. indict, 11. impeach, 12. treason, 13. accusation, 14. incompetence, 15. resigned, 16. conspire, 17. Senate, 18. judiciary

19. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
20. commit a mis_____or *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
21. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
22. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
23. mis_____or charge *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
24. ac_____al verdict *n.* a judgment of not guilty in a criminal trial or a release from a charge or obligation due to a lack of evidence or proof
25. dis_____fy a candidate *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
26. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
27. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 19. preside, 20. misdemeanor, 21. Senate, 22. preside, 23. misdemeanor, 24. acquittal, 25. disqualify, 26. accusation, 27. treason

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| 28. member of the ju_____ry | <i>n.</i> | persons who administer or enforce justice |
| 29. vulnerable to br_____y | <i>n.</i> | the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage |
| 30. junior se_____r | <i>n.</i> | a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate |
| 31. ac___t a suspect | <i>v.</i> | to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation |
| 32. ac___t him of his duty | <i>v.</i> | to declare someone not guilty of a crime; to relieve someone of a duty or obligation |
| 33. co_____re his ruin | <i>v.</i> | to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose |
| 34. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> | to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 35. dis_____fy from the election | <i>v.</i> | to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something |
| 36. an absolute mo_____h | <i>n.</i> | a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen |

ANSWERS: 28. judiciary, 29. bribery, 30. senator, 31. acquit, 32. acquit, 33. conspire, 34. convict, 35. disqualify, 36. monarch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. resigned, 9. misdemeanor, 10. president, 11. bribery, 12. treason, 13. conspired, 14. accusation

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- n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
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- n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

ANSWERS: 15. disqualify, 16. indict, 17. judiciary, 18. incompetence