

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Darieth Chisolm: How revenge porn turns lives upside down | TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/darieth_chisolm_how_revenge_porn_turns_lives_upside_down

Advanced Words Only

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

stalker

n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior

synonym: prowler, predator, pursuer

(1) **stalker** behavior, (2) cyber **stalker**

She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed **stalker**.

sleazy

adj. marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature

synonym: shabby, seedy, cheap

(1) **sleazy** business dealings, (2) **sleazy** behavior

The **sleazy** bar down the street was known for attracting the wrong crowd.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

jilt

v. to suddenly reject or abandon a romantic partner or lover, particularly one who was expected to be loyal or committed

synonym : dump, discard, reject

(1) **jilt** her fiance, (2) **jilt** his long-time partner

She **jilted** her best friend by not inviting her to the party.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

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.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym: delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

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.

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.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

loophole

n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or

avoids penalties

synonym: loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student
The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
synonym : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

disempower

v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

synonym : disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. municipal cou_____se
n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
3. na_____e an event
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
4. st_____r behavior
n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
5. he_____ss victims
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
6. legal lo_____le
n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
7. cyber st_____r
n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
8. a fl_____y structure
adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
9. dis_____er the employees
v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

ANSWERS: 1. misdemeanor, 2. courthouse, 3. narrate, 4. stalker, 5. helpless, 6. loophole, 7. stalker, 8. flimsy, 9. disempower

10. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
11. na____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
12. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
13. sl___y behavior *adj.* marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature
14. dis_____er the opposition *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
15. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
16. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
17. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
18. pose for a se___e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 10. cyber, 11. narrate, 12. stab, 13. sleazy, 14. disempower, 15. perpetrator, 16. harass, 17. harass, 18. selfie

19. he____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
20. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
21. se___e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
22. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
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. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
25. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
26. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
27. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

ANSWERS: 19. helpless, 20. bully, 21. selfie, 22. manipulative, 23. misdemeanor, 24. hoop, 25. sham, 26. bravery, 27. setback

28. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
29. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
30. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
31. em____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
32. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
33. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
34. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
35. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
36. j__t his long-time partner *v.* to suddenly reject or abandon a romantic partner or lover, particularly one who was expected to be loyal or committed
37. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
38. sl____y business dealings *adj.* marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature

ANSWERS: 28. stumble, 29. confuse, 30. pun, 31. embarrass, 32. senator, 33. senator, 34. embarrass, 35. hoop, 36. jilt, 37. bravery, 38. sleazy

39. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
40. culprit per____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
41. finding a lo____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
42. hu____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
43. hu____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
44. make a fl___y excuse *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
45. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
46. cou____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
47. pai____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

ANSWERS: 39. stumble, 40. perpetrator, 41. loophole, 42. humiliate, 43. humiliate, 44. flimsy, 45. bully, 46. courthouse, 47. painstaking

57. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
58. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
59. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
60. suffer a se____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
61. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
62. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
63. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
64. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 57. sham, 58. pun, 59. alarming, 60. setback, 61. stalk, 62. confuse, 63. cyber, 64. jealousy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
2. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
3. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
4. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
5. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
6. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
7. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
8. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 1. stumbled, 2. pun, 3. confused, 4. courthouse, 5. jealousy, 6. selfie, 7. embarrass, 8. humiliated

9. He was accused of being _____ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.
adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
10. She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed _____.
n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
11. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
12. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
13. A _____ in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.
n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
14. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.
adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
15. The training of a hawk was a _____ process.
adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
16. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 9. manipulative, 10. stalker, 11. empowered, 12. Cyber, 13. loophole, 14. flimsy, 15. painstaking, 16. perpetrator

17. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
18. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
19. She _____ her best friend by not inviting her to the party.
- v.* to suddenly reject or abandon a romantic partner or lover, particularly one who was expected to be loyal or committed
20. The politician's efforts to _____ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
- v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
21. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
22. I feel so _____ without you.
- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
23. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
- n.* courage in the face of danger

ANSWERS: 17. stalked, 18. bully, 19. jilted, 20. disempower, 21. senator, 22. helpless, 23. bravery

24. A _____ conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.
- n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
25. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.
- n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
26. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
- n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
27. He was _____ many times with scissors.
- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
28. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
29. The _____ bar down the street was known for attracting the wrong crowd.
- adj.* marked by low moral standards or questionable ethics; lacking in integrity or character; cheap or sordid in appearance or nature
30. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 24. misdemeanor, 25. hoop, 26. setback, 27. stabbed, 28. alarming, 29. sleazy, 30. sham

31. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
32. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
- v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 31. harassed, 32. narrate