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Session 1: Word List

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police
The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

snippet

n. a small piece or brief extract of something

synonym: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

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.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

outcry

n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent

synonym : protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

exonerate

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

synonym : absolve, clear, acquit

(1) **exonerate** from blame, (2) **exonerate** the defendant

The DNA evidence **exonerated** the suspect, proving his innocence.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

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**.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

blatant

adj. completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

synonym: obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

lye

n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

synonym: caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water

The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym: meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

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.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

lenient

adj. not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

synonym: permissive, indulgent, easygoing

(1) **lenient** punishment, (2) **lenient** rules

The teacher was **lenient** with the deadline for the project, giving the students extra time to finish.

oversimplify

v. to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true

(1) **oversimplify** the problem, (2) **oversimplify** a complex reality

People may **oversimplify** natural phenomena due to the improved accessibility of knowledge.

leniency

n. the quality of being kind or merciful in the administration of punishment

synonym: mercy, clemency, compassion

(1) show **leniency**, (2) **leniency** in sentencing

The judge showed **leniency** towards the first-time offender and gave him a lighter sentence.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

limbic

adj. of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction

(1) **limbic** cortex, (2) **limbic** epilepsy

The **limbic** brain region responded readily to negative or sad sounds.

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.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the

robbery.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym: deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

debrief

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

synonym: brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym : refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

Session 2: Spelling

1. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
2. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
3. ex__l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
4. national ou____y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
5. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
6. le____cy in sentencing *n.* the quality of being kind or merciful in the administration of punishment
7. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
8. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
9. ove_____ify a complex reality *v.* to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true
10. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
11. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

ANSWERS: 1. alarming, 2. pointless, 3. expel, 4. outcry, 5. overturn, 6. leniency, 7. nod, 8. creditor, 9. oversimplify, 10. interrogate, 11. sophistication

12. le____t rules *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility
13. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
14. bl____t hypocrisy *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
15. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
16. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
17. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
18. ove_____ify the problem *v.* to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true
19. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
20. ex_____te the defendant *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
21. 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
22. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 12. lenient, 13. neuroscience, 14. blatant, 15. gruesome, 16. pointless, 17. improvisation, 18. oversimplify, 19. accuse, 20. exonerate, 21. accusation, 22. confession

23. 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
24. show le____cy *n.* the quality of being kind or merciful in the administration of punishment
25. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
26. a great ou____y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
27. pre_____al region *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
28. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
29. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
30. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
31. hit an ic____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
32. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
33. le____t punishment *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility
34. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 23. convict, 24. leniency, 25. sophistication, 26. outcry, 27. prefrontal, 28. accuse, 29. confession, 30. fingerprint, 31. iceberg, 32. impair, 33. lenient, 34. intellect

35. l_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
36. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
37. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
38. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
39. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
40. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
41. li____c epilepsy *adj.* of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction
42. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
43. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
44. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
45. be_____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

ANSWERS: 35. lye, 36. afterward, 37. convict, 38. incarcerate, 39. befriend, 40. alarming, 41. limbic, 42. neuroscience, 43. anatomical, 44. horrify, 45. befriend

46. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
47. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
48. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
49. ju__r selection *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
50. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
51. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
52. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53. li_____c cortex *adj.* of or relating to the system of the brain that supports a variety of functions, including emotion, behavior, long-term memory, and olfaction
54. ju__r anonymity *n.* a member of a jury, a group of individuals selected to hear evidence and make a decision in a trial
55. ex_____te from blame *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
56. de_____f the result *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

ANSWERS: 46. counterintuitive, 47. gruesome, 48. counterintuitive, 49. juror, 50. intellect, 51. afterward, 52. creditor, 53. limbic, 54. juror, 55. exonerate, 56. debrief

57. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
58. bl____t disregard *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
59. l_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
60. 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
61. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
62. inc____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
63. de____f their business trip *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
64. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
65. pre____al bone *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
66. ic____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
67. code sn____t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

ANSWERS: 57. expel, 58. blatant, 59. lye, 60. accusation, 61. horrify, 62. incarcerate, 63. debrief, 64. impair, 65. prefrontal, 66. iceberg, 67. snippet

68. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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73. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
74. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

ANSWERS: 68. improvisation, 69. fingerprint, 70. snippet, 71. interrogate, 72. nod, 73. anatomical, 74. overturn

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.
n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
2. The drain cleaner contains caustic _____ and should be handled with care.
n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
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- adj.* causing horror or disgust
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ANSWERS: 9. neuroscience, 10. impaired, 11. overturned, 12. lenient, 13. intellect, 14. prefrontal, 15. gruesome, 16. alarming

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v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

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- adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

29. After the mission, the team gathered to _____ and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

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ANSWERS: 25. nodded, 26. limbic, 27. exonerated, 28. counterintuitive, 29. debrief, 30. pointless, 31. snippet, 32. blatant

33. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.
- n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
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ANSWERS: 33. sophistication, 34. accused, 35. confession, 36. juror's, 37. anatomical