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Session 1: Word List

suffrage

n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

synonym: franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**

The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

chattel

n. personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land

synonym: property, possession, asset

(1) **chattel** mortgage, (2) personal property **chattels**

The enslaved people were treated as **chattel** and had no rights or freedoms.

minty

adj. having the flavor or scent of mint (= a herb with a strong fresh flavor)

synonym : refreshing, cool, invigorating

(1) **minty** food, (2) inhale the **minty** vapors

The **minty** toothpaste left a refreshing taste in her mouth.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym : task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

overseer

n. a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something

synonym : supervisor, manager, superintendent

(1) **overseer** of a plantation, (2) production **overseer**

The **overseer** of the construction project was responsible for ensuring everything was done on time and within budget.

fugitive

n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution

synonym : escapee, runaway, deserter

(1) **fugitive** from justice, (2) **fugitive** methane emissions

The police are searching for the **fugitive** who escaped from prison.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

narcolepsy

n. a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)

synonym : sleep attacks, rem sleep disorder

(1) **narcolepsy** treatment, (2) uncontrollable **narcolepsy**

attacks

The **narcolepsy** symptoms include excessive daytime sleepiness and sleep paralysis.

rename

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym: active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

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.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

daunt

v. to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

synonym: intimidate, discourage, frighten

(1) **daunt** the enemy, (2) **daunt** his courage

The idea of skydiving can be **daunting** to some people.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym: dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene

The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de____ed confession | <i>n.</i> a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life |
| 2. en____e poor peasants | <i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 3. fu____ve from justice | <i>n.</i> a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution |
| 4. boy sc__t | <i>n.</i> a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations |
| 5. ab____h slavery | <i>v.</i> to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 6. li____te people from oppression | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 7. er___d boy | <i>n.</i> a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something |
| 8. ab____h censorship | <i>v.</i> to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 9. fu____ve methane emissions | <i>n.</i> a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution |

ANSWERS: 1. deathbed, 2. enslave, 3. fugitive, 4. scout, 5. abolish, 6. liberate, 7. errand, 8. abolish, 9. fugitive

10. ch____l mortgage *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
11. nar____sy treatment *n.* a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
12. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
13. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
14. su____ge movement *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
15. de____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
16. production ov____er *n.* a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something
17. slavery 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

ANSWERS: 10. chattel, 11. narcolepsy, 12. scout, 13. liberate, 14. suffrage, 15. deathbed, 16. overseer, 17. abolitionist

18. tr____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
19. personal property ch____ls *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
20. da__t his courage *v.* to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit
21. mi__y food *adj.* having the flavor or scent of mint (= a herb with a strong fresh flavor)
22. re____e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
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24. a di____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
25. female su____ge *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
26. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
27. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
28. tr____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 18. treasury, 19. chattel, 20. daunt, 21. minty, 22. rename, 23. daunt, 24. diligent, 25. suffrage, 26. enslave, 27. niece, 28. treasury

29. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
30. 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
31. re___e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
32. uncontrollable nar_____sy attacks *n.* a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
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35. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
36. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
37. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
38. run an er___d *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

ANSWERS: 29. niece, 30. abolitionist, 31. rename, 32. narcolepsy, 33. overseer, 34. minty, 35. diligent, 36. courageous, 37. courageous, 38. errand

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
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v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
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ANSWERS: 1. courageous, 2. abolish, 3. abolitionist, 4. deathbed, 5. renamed, 6. fugitive, 7. minty, 8. liberated

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ANSWERS: 16. suffrage, 17. scout, 18. diligent, 19. chattel