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Session 1: Word List

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

choppy

adj. having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction

synonym : rough, uneven, occasional

(1) **choppy** market conditions, (2) **choppy** haircut

The **choppy** waters made it difficult for the fisherman to navigate his boat safely.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym : tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued

about a controversial new policy.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

synonym: deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym:

crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

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.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

multilayer

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels

synonym: lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film

A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

oilfield

n. an area or region where there are significant deposits of oil underground, typically consisting of wells and related facilities for oil extraction and production

synonym: oil well, petroleum deposit

(1) drilling **oilfield**, (2) offshore **oilfield**

Several companies competed for the rights to exploit the lucrative **oilfield**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop

yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**
The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. chronic sleep dep_____on | <i>n.</i> a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life |
| 2. sk_____al scientists | <i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful |
| 3. in_____t a hard blow | <i>v.</i> to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something |
| 4. ex__l him from his native country | <i>v.</i> to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country |
| 5. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 6. dis_____ise voters | <i>v.</i> to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote |
| 7. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 8. in_____t a heavier tax | <i>v.</i> to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something |
| 9. re_____le a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |

ANSWERS: 1. deprivation, 2. skeptical, 3. inflict, 4. expel, 5. determinant, 6. disenfranchise, 7. determinant, 8. inflict, 9. reconcile

10. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
11. offshore oi_____ld *n.* an area or region where there are significant deposits of oil underground, typically consisting of wells and related facilities for oil extraction and production
12. ch___y haircut *adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction
13. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
14. st___y relationship *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
15. dis_____ise citizens *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
16. de___t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
17. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
18. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
19. drilling oi_____ld *n.* an area or region where there are significant deposits of oil underground, typically consisting of wells and related facilities for oil extraction and production

ANSWERS: 10. upend, 11. oilfield, 12. choppy, 13. uneasy, 14. stormy, 15. disenfranchise, 16. deport, 17. uneasy, 18. starvation, 19. oilfield

20. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. de____t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
22. miserable pl____t *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
23. up__d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
24. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
25. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
26. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
27. the pl____t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
28. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
29. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
30. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 20. opportune, 21. deport, 22. plight, 23. upend, 24. amplify, 25. deprivation, 26. imp, 27. plight, 28. imp, 29. nationalist, 30. opportune

31. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
32. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
33. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
34. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
35. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
36. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
37. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
38. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
39. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

ANSWERS: 31. chronicle, 32. chronicle, 33. skeptical, 34. nationalist, 35. reconcile, 36. migrant, 37. migrant, 38. amplify, 39. stormy

40. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
41. mul_____er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
42. mul_____er film *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
43. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
44. ch___y market conditions *adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction

ANSWERS: 40. expel, 41. multilayer, 42. multilayer, 43. starvation, 44. choppy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.
n. a difficult or unfortunate situation
2. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
3. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
4. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
5. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
6. The government has decided to _____ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.
v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. plight, 2. nationalist, 3. inflicted, 4. determinant, 5. upended, 6. deport, 7. opportune

8. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
9. The new citizenship laws will _____ many immigrants.
- v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
10. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
11. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
12. The _____ waters made it difficult for the fisherman to navigate his boat safely.
- adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction
13. A cake with a _____ filling is a delicious treat.
- n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
14. Losing him is great _____ to our team.
- n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
15. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 8. migrant, 9. disenfranchise, 10. imp, 11. reconcile, 12. choppy, 13. multilayer, 14. deprivation, 15. starvation

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ANSWERS: 16. skeptical, 17. expelled, 18. amplify, 19. chronicle, 20. uneasy, 21. oilfield, 22. stormy,