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Session 1: Word List

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.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**
I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior
The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates
The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for

embezzlement.

snub

v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

synonym: ignore, reject, slight

(1) **snub** a request, (2) **snub** a celebrity

He decided to **snub** his former friend after a major disagreement.

manslaughter

n. the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions

synonym: unintentional homicide, accidental killing

(1) **manslaughter** charge, (2) involuntary **manslaughter**

The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of **manslaughter** due to lack of intent.

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.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

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.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

bogey

n. a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

synonym : specter, apparition

(1) **bogey** man, (2) double **bogey**

Her main academic **bogey** was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

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.

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.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym : company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

thug

n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

synonym : gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

synagogue

n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym : temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym : assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym: punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of

something

synonym: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and innocence.

caseload

n. the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field

synonym: workload, throughput, casework

(1) heavy **caseload**, (2) **caseload** capacity

The lawyer was overwhelmed with her **caseload** of difficult cases.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

Session 2: Spelling

1. man_____ter charge *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
2. tr___e rehearsal *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
3. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
4. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
5. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
6. sy_____ze hope *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
7. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 1. manslaughter, 2. troupe, 3. overturn, 4. pronoun, 5. blindfold, 6. symbolize, 7. incarcerate

8. local t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
9. sy_____ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
10. the cu_____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
11. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
12. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
13. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
14. involuntary man_____ter *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
15. seek ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 8. thug, 9. symbolize, 10. culprit, 11. eyewitness, 12. blindfold, 13. prosecute, 14. manslaughter, 15. retribution

16. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
17. notorious t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
18. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
19. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
20. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
21. divine ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
22. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
23. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
24. s__b a request *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

ANSWERS: 16. Jewish, 17. thug, 18. disproportionately, 19. incarceration, 20. promenade, 21. retribution, 22. outnumber, 23. courtroom, 24. snub

25. the arrest of the cu____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
26. ca____ad capacity *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field
27. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
28. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
29. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
30. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
31. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
32. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
33. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 25. culprit, 26. caseload, 27. sect, 28. monstrous, 29. tuck, 30. indifference, 31. congregate, 32. indifference, 33. determinant

34. bo__y man *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole
35. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
36. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
37. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
38. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
39. incumbent leg_____or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
40. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
41. double bo__y *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

ANSWERS: 34. bogey, 35. unfold, 36. disproportionately, 37. incarceration, 38. confuse, 39. legislator, 40. troupe, 41. bogey

42. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
43. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
44. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
45. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
46. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
47. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
48. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
49. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
50. in___e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
51. heavy ca_____ad *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field

ANSWERS: 42. monstrous, 43. sect, 44. overturn, 45. determinant, 46. congregate, 47. outnumber, 48. eyewitness, 49. prosecute, 50. inmate, 51. caseload

52. pr____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
53. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
54. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
55. pr____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
56. 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
57. inc____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
58. s__b a celebrity *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
59. cho____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
60. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 52. pronoun, 53. unfold, 54. lofty, 55. presume, 56. convict, 57. incarcerate, 58. snub, 59. choreograph, 60. confuse

61. reconstructed sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
62. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
63. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
64. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
65. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
66. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
67. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
68. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
69. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 61. synagogue, 62. lofty, 63. legislator, 64. tuck, 65. choreograph, 66. Jewish, 67. promenade, 68. courtroom, 69. presume

70. historical sy_____ue
- n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
71. in___e rights
- n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
72. 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

ANSWERS: 70. synagogue, 71. inmate, 72. convict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.
 - n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

2. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
 - n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

3. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.
 - adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

4. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
 - n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

5. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
 - n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

6. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
 - v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 1. retribution, 2. inmates, 3. disproportionately, 4. pronouns, 5. incarceration, 6. presume

7. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
- v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
8. The police arrested the _____ who robbed the convenience store.
- n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
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11. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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12. He decided to _____ his former friend after a major disagreement.
- v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
13. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
- n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

ANSWERS: 7. outnumbers, 8. thug, 9. prosecute, 10. promenade, 11. determinant, 12. snub, 13. synagogue

14. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

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21. The court _____ the original verdict.

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

22. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 14. troupe, 15. incarcerated, 16. monstrous, 17. lofty, 18. indifference, 19. culprit, 20. sect, 21. overturned, 22. Jewish

23. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
- v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
24. The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of _____ due to lack of intent.
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ANSWERS: 23. tuck, 24. manslaughter, 25. congregate, 26. caseload, 27. symbolizes, 28. blindfold

29. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

30. Her main academic _____ was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.

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36. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

ANSWERS: 29. choreographed, 30. bogey, 31. confused, 32. unfolded, 33. courtroom, 34. convicted, 35. eyewitness, 36. legislators

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