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Session 1: Word List

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.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

desegregation

n. the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions

synonym : integration, assimilation

(1) **desegregation** plan, (2) legal **desegregation**

Desegregation of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.

twig

n. a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

synonym : branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

clank

v. to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other

synonym : clang, clatter, jangle

(1) **clank** my spoon against the glass, (2) **clank** of metal

He dropped the empty can, and it **clanked** loudly as it hit the garage's concrete floor.

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.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

reoffend

v. to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense

synonym: recidivate, relapse

(1) **reoffend** within a year, (2) **reoffend** risk

It is disheartening to see individuals repeatedly **reoffend** despite receiving multiple chances for rehabilitation.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

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.

expulsion

n. the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently

synonym : ejection, banishment, exile

(1) **expulsion** of gas, (2) forceful **expulsion**

The ambassador's **expulsion** was a sign of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

peacemaker

n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

synonym : mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym : lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

airy

adj. having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

synonym: fluffy, breezy, ethereal

(1) **airy** fairy, (2) **airy** dress

The room felt **airy** and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in____te a new method | v. | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 2. ins_____ize customary laws | v. | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 3. vi_____ze flying through space | v. | to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 4. re_____nd within a year | v. | to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense |
| 5. per ca___a sales | n. | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 6. mass inc_____ion | n. | the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 7. em_____y for patients | n. | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 8. ins_____ize a system | v. | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 9. of___d a customer | v. | to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed |
| 10. inc_____te her for life | v. | to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |

ANSWERS: 1. innovate, 2. institutionalize, 3. visualize, 4. reoffend, 5. capita, 6. incarceration, 7. empathy, 8. institutionalize, 9. offend, 10. incarcerate

11. act as pea_____er *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
12. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
13. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
14. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
15. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
16. a__y dress *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
17. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
18. sk_____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
19. cl__k my spoon against the glass *v.* to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other

ANSWERS: 11. peacemaker, 12. capita, 13. offend, 14. constellation, 15. incarcerate, 16. airy, 17. hut, 18. skyline, 19. clank

20. t__g basket *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
21. legal des_____ion *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
22. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
23. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
24. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
25. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
26. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
27. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
28. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
30. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 20. twig, 21. desegregation, 22. reunite, 23. innovate, 24. entrepreneurship, 25. entrepreneurship, 26. dedicate, 27. visualize, 28. industrious, 29. visionary, 30. barb

31. di___t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
32. cl__k of metal *v.* to produce a loud, echoing, metallic sound, often caused by the collision of metal objects or machinery; to move or operate with a heavy, clanging sound; (noun) a sharp, metallic sound that is typically produced when two hard objects strike or collide with each other
33. be___n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
34. forceful ex_____on *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
35. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
36. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
37. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
38. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
39. a__y fairy *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

ANSWERS: 31. divert, 32. clank, 33. beacon, 34. expulsion, 35. incarceration, 36. empathy, 37. amplify, 38. envision, 39. airy

40. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
41. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
42. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
43. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
44. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
45. pea_____er effort *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
46. ex_____on of gas *n.* the act of forcing someone to leave a place or organization, especially permanently
47. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
48. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
49. des_____ion plan *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions

ANSWERS: 40. dedicate, 41. reunite, 42. skyline, 43. courthouse, 44. visionary, 45. peacemaker, 46. expulsion, 47. constellation, 48. amplify, 49. desegregation

50. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
51. t__g branch *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
52. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
54. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
55. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
56. municipal cou_____se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
57. re_____nd risk *v.* to commit another crime or violation of the law after having been punished or rehabilitated for a previous offense
58. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 50. hut, 51. twig, 52. industrious, 53. beacon, 54. envision, 55. divert, 56. courthouse, 57. reoffend, 58. barb

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
2. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
3. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
4. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
5. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
6. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
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v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
8. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. visionary, 2. offended, 3. incarcerated, 4. constellation, 5. institutionalize, 6. dedicated, 7. envision, 8. Empathy

9. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
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12. _____ of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.
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v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
14. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
15. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. beacon, 10. hut, 11. entrepreneurship, 12. Desegregation, 13. amplify, 14. innovate, 15. skyline, 16. courthouse

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ANSWERS: 17. twig, 18. reoffend, 19. clanked, 20. industrious, 21. expulsion, 22. capita, 23. divert

24. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
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25. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
26. The dedicated _____ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.
n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
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adj. having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
28. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
29. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 24. barbs, 25. incarceration, 26. peacemaker, 27. airy, 28. reunite, 29. visualize