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Session 1: Word List

burglar

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

cellmate

n. a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room

synonym: inmate, fellow prisoner, cell partner

(1) **cellmate** relationship, (2) temporary **cellmate**

The prisoner requested a transfer to a different **cellmate** due to conflicts.

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.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

synonym : child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym : struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

synonym : exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

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.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym: disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

larceny

n. the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

synonym: theft, robbery, stealing

(1) grand **larceny**, (2) commit **larceny**

The suspect was charged with **larceny** for stealing valuable artwork.

extortion

n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym : blackmail, coercion, shakedown

(1) **extortion** letter, (2) **extortion** scheme

In this era of cybercrime, digital **extortion** is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym : branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

byproduct

n. a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

synonym: side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

crippling

adj. causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm

synonym: harmful, damaging, catastrophic

(1) **crippling** debt, (2) a **crippling** strike

He is still struggling with a **crippling** disease.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fu____s anger | <i>adj.</i> extremely angry; full of rage |
| 2. inc_____te the murderer | <i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 3. di_____fy energy sources | <i>v.</i> to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments |
| 4. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 5. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 6. sexual pr_____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 7. apex pr_____or | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 8. toxic by_____cts | <i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else |
| 9. an a__n of creativity | <i>n.</i> a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others |
| 10. computer-ill_____te | <i>adj.</i> unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing |
| 11. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |

ANSWERS: 1. furious, 2. incarcerate, 3. diversify, 4. empower, 5. excite, 6. predator, 7. predator, 8. byproduct, 9. agon, 10. illiterate, 11. cofounder

12. ce____te relationship *n.* a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room
13. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
14. a cr_____ng strike *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
15. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
16. 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
17. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
18. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
19. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
20. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

ANSWERS: 12. cellmate, 13. addict, 14. crippling, 15. rehabilitate, 16. sect, 17. youngster, 18. agon, 19. timeless, 20. diversify

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| 21. temporary ce_____te | <i>n.</i> a person with whom one shares a prison cell or room |
| 22. ill_____te population | <i>adj.</i> unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing |
| 23. ex-convict bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |
| 24. commit la_____y | <i>n.</i> the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft |
| 25. ex_____on scheme | <i>n.</i> the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion |
| 26. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 27. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 28. os_____ze individual | <i>v.</i> to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally |
| 29. secret s__t | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 30. a drug ad___t | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |

ANSWERS: 21. cellmate, 22. illiterate, 23. burglar, 24. larceny, 25. extortion, 26. empower, 27. excite, 28. ostracize, 29. sect, 30. addict

31. cr_____ng debt *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
32. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
33. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
34. os_____ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
35. caught the bu_____r *n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime
36. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
37. ex_____on letter *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
38. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
39. cr_____e economy *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
40. yo_____er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
41. cr_____e opposition *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

ANSWERS: 31. crippling, 32. incarcerate, 33. rehabilitate, 34. ostracize, 35. burglar, 36. furious, 37. extortion, 38. timeless, 39. cripple, 40. youngster, 41. cripple

42. grand la____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
43. by_____ct of technology *n.* a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else
44. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 42. larceny, 43. byproduct, 44. cofounder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
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ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. illiterate, 3. excited, 4. extortion, 5. addicts, 6. rehabilitate, 7. cripple

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ANSWERS: 16. furious, 17. predator's, 18. youngster, 19. burglar, 20. crippling, 21. diversify, 22. agon