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## Session 1: Word List

### petrify

*v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

*synonym*: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

### lizard

*n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

### frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym*: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

### enrich

*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

*synonym*: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

## 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.

## explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym*: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

*synonym*: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

## banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

*synonym*: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

## undocumented

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command

The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

## trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym*: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## 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.

## 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.

## confound

*v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

*synonym*: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. cast fri_____ng eyes              | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming  |
| 2. und_____ted worker                | <i>adj.</i> not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission  |
| 3. army se_____nt                    | <i>n.</i> a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class |
| 4. de____t dissidents from the party | <i>v.</i> to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime                   |
| 5. li____d leather                   | <i>n.</i> a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail   |
| 6. ex_____e in anger                 | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open   |
| 7. en____h public services           | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else   |
| 8. de____t a refugee                 | <i>v.</i> to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime                   |
| 9. sc_____le my mind                 | <i>v.</i> to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you  |
| 10. sc_____le for support            | <i>v.</i> to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you  |

ANSWERS: 1. frightening, 2. undocumented, 3. sergeant, 4. deport, 5. lizard, 6. explode, 7. enrich, 8. deport, 9. scramble, 10. scramble

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| 11. the movement of mi____t birds | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 12. pe____y with fear             | <i>v.</i> to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding   |
| 13. co____nd right and wrong      | <i>v.</i> to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical  |
| 14. en____h a gas with a balloon  | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else   |
| 15. fri____ng experience          | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming  |
| 16. ha__t my conscience           | <i>v.</i> to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent             |
| 17. giant li____d                 | <i>n.</i> a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail   |
| 18. ex____e in popularity         | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open   |
| 19. ha__t memories                | <i>v.</i> to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent             |
| 20. ba____h my wrinkles           | <i>v.</i> to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently   |

ANSWERS: 11. migrant, 12. petrify, 13. confound, 14. enrich, 15. frightening, 16. haunt, 17. lizard, 18. explode, 19. haunt, 20. banish

21. tr\_\_\_\_e down my cheek      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
22. co\_\_\_\_nd the problem      *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
23. ba\_\_\_\_h doubt      *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
24. 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
25. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. tr\_\_\_\_e from his eyes      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
27. co\_\_\_\_e the listener      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
28. police se\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
29. und\_\_\_\_ted command      *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
30. pe\_\_\_\_y into stone      *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

ANSWERS: 21. trickle, 22. confound, 23. banish, 24. migrant, 25. confuse, 26. trickle, 27. confuse, 28. sergeant, 29. undocumented, 30. petrify

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Local business owners \_\_\_\_\_ to find skilled workers.  
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5. The thought of public speaking will \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
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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
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ANSWERS: 1. scrambled, 2. banished, 3. migrant, 4. lizard's, 5. petrify, 6. deport, 7. confounded



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9. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.

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15. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on \_\_\_\_\_ non-citizens.

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

ANSWERS: 8. confused, 9. exploded, 10. frightening, 11. trickle, 12. enriches, 13. sergeant, 14. haunt, 15. undocumented

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