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Session 1: Word List

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges
Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

embezzle

v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

synonym: steal, defraud, swindle

(1) **embezzle** money, (2) **embezzled** funds

He used his position of trust to **embezzle** donations meant for an orphanage.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym : mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

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.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

pertain

v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

synonym : relate, concern, apply

(1) **pertain** to the case, (2) **pertain** to the topic

The new regulations **pertain** to all employees, regardless of their position.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities
She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something
synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**
I have a **craving** for nicotine.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy
This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

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.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment
The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

hotspot

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

synonym:

epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

synonym: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. geographic ho____t | <i>n.</i> a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity |
| 2. covid-19 ho____t | <i>n.</i> a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity |
| 3. an un____ng mistake | <i>adj.</i> without purpose or intent |
| 4. genteel eu____sm | <i>n.</i> a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing |
| 5. ye__n for love | <i>v.</i> to strongly desire or long for something |
| 6. play with my si____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 7. ease her hea____ak | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 8. ina____tly deleted | <i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent |
| 9. co____l attention | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |

ANSWERS: 1. hotspot, 2. hotspot, 3. unwitting, 4. euphemism, 5. yearn, 6. sibling, 7. heartbreak, 8. inadvertently, 9. compel

10. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
11. em_____led funds *v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
12. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
13. a eu_____sm for death *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
14. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. or_____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
16. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
17. rev_____le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
18. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
19. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
20. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 10. fluent, 11. embezzle, 12. orphanage, 13. euphemism, 14. industrious, 15. orphanage, 16. lure, 17. reversible, 18. grandparent, 19. compel, 20. corruptible

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| 21. car_____ng process | <i>n.</i> | the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 22. ye__n after my old days | <i>v.</i> | to strongly desire or long for something |
| 23. co_____e the scope of use | <i>v.</i> | to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 24. ev__e a sense of awe | <i>v.</i> | to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 25. in a fl___t tone | <i>adj.</i> | able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily |
| 26. ina_____tly omitted | <i>adv.</i> | unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent |
| 27. cor_____le judges | <i>adj.</i> | capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |
| 28. rev_____le decision | <i>adj.</i> | capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone |
| 29. l__e prey | <i>v.</i> | to tempt or persuade someone to do something |
| 30. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 31. pe_____n to the topic | <i>v.</i> | to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something |
| 32. go through hea_____ak | <i>n.</i> | a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 33. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |

ANSWERS: 21. caregiving, 22. yearn, 23. confine, 24. evoke, 25. fluent, 26. inadvertently, 27. corruptible, 28. reversible, 29. lure, 30. industrious, 31. pertain, 32. heartbreak, 33. institutionalize

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| 34. un_____ng victims | <i>adj.</i> without purpose or intent |
| 35. pe_____n to the case | <i>v.</i> to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something |
| 36. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 37. cr_____g for revenge | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 38. asylum for or____n children | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 39. de_____s their spirits | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active |
| 40. un_____le a problem | <i>v.</i> to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain |
| 41. un_____le a situation | <i>v.</i> to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain |
| 42. de_____s crop prices | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active |
| 43. un_____r a potential problem | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |

ANSWERS: 34. unwitting, 35. pertain, 36. sibling, 37. craving, 38. orphan, 39. depress, 40. untangle, 41. untangle, 42. depress, 43. uncover

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| 44. un_____r the truth | v. | to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |
| 45. ev__e sympathy | v. | to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind |
| 46. co_____e themselves solely | v. | to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 47. ins_____ize a system | v. | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 48. person of gra_____nt age | n. | a parent of one's father or mother |
| 49. car_____ng responsibilities | n. | the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 50. em_____le money | v. | to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority |
| 51. or___n care | n. | a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 52. curb our cr_____gs | n. | a strong desire of wanting something |

ANSWERS: 44. uncover, 45. evoke, 46. confine, 47. institutionalize, 48. grandparent, 49. caregiving, 50. embezzle, 51. orphan, 52. craving

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
2. The company used the _____ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
3. I have a _____ for nicotine.
n. a strong desire of wanting something
4. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
5. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
6. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
7. 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.)

ANSWERS: 1. caregiving, 2. euphemism, 3. craving, 4. uncovered, 5. confined, 6. depressed, 7. institutionalize

8. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
9. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
10. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
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11. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
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12. He used his position of trust to _____ donations meant for an orphanage.
v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
13. The airport is a _____ for tourists and travelers from around the world.
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14. The jacket is _____ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.
adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
15. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 8. corruptible, 9. inadvertently, 10. compel, 11. siblings, 12. embezzle, 13. hotspot, 14. reversible, 15. grandparents

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17. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.
v. to strongly desire or long for something
18. The new regulations _____ to all employees, regardless of their position.
v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
19. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.
adj. without purpose or intent
20. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
21. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
23. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
24. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

ANSWERS: 16. untangle, 17. yearned, 18. pertain, 19. unwitting, 20. orphanage, 21. industrious, 22. heartbreak, 23. lure, 24. evoke

25. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

26. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 25. orphan, 26. fluent