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Session 1: Word List

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

cantankerous

adj. bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition

synonym : ill-tempered, grumpy, irritable

(1) **cantankerous** neighbor, (2) **cantankerous** criticism

The **cantankerous** older man was always complaining and arguing with everyone.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**
My **darling** child, I love you so much.

pun *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

strawberry *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

ulcer *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

synonym: lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

brew *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

amaze *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

bankrupt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or

fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym : graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to

manage the flow of traffic.

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.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

synonym : lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

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.

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

fingernail

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

synonym : claw, paw

(1) **fingernail** biting, (2) fake **fingernail**
The car body scraped off with a **fingernail**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|------|---|
| 1. b__w beer | v. | to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water |
| 2. bo____t campaign | v. | to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change |
| 3. bla_____th welding | n. | a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 4. up___t my spirit | n. | the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits |
| 5. hu___e on business | v. | to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way |
| 6. mouth ul__r | n. | a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems |
| 7. vulnerable to br____y | n. | the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage |
| 8. vi_____ry business | adj. | having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative |

ANSWERS: 1. brew, 2. boycott, 3. blacksmith, 4. uplift, 5. hustle, 6. ulcer, 7. bribery, 8. visionary

9. br____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
10. bo____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
11. fin_____il biting *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
12. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
13. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
14. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
15. gastric ul__r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
16. fake fin_____il *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
17. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
18. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 9. bribery, 10. boycott, 11. fingernail, 12. amaze, 13. furious, 14. brew, 15. ulcer, 16. fingernail, 17. pun, 18. resilient

19. financially ba____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
20. can____ous neighbor *adj.* bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition
21. re____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
22. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
23. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
24. bla____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
25. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
26. ma____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
27. str____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 19. bankrupt, 20. cantankerous, 21. resilient, 22. amaze, 23. darling, 24. blacksmith, 25. offend, 26. marshal, 27. strawberry

28. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
29. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
30. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
31. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
32. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
33. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
34. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
35. h__p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

ANSWERS: 28. uplift, 29. visionary, 30. strawberry, 31. marshal, 32. darling, 33. harp, 34. furious, 35. harp

36. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
37. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
38. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
39. can_____ous criticism *adj.* bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition
40. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 36. hustle, 37. offend, 38. bankrupt, 39. cantankerous, 40. pun

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
3. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
4. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
5. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
6. The car body scraped off with a _____.
n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. hustle, 3. marshal, 4. boycott, 5. pun, 6. fingernail

7. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.
- n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
8. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
9. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.
- v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
10. The _____ older man was always complaining and arguing with everyone.
- adj.* bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition
11. She began to play a beautiful melody on her _____.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
12. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
- adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
13. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
- n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
14. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
- adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

ANSWERS: 7. bribery, 8. blacksmith, 9. brew, 10. cantankerous, 11. harp, 12. visionary, 13. strawberry, 14. furious

15. The stress of the job caused him to develop an _____ in his stomach.
n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
16. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.
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ANSWERS: 15. ulcer, 16. bankrupt, 17. amazed, 18. uplift, 19. offended, 20. darling