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Session 1: Word List

divvy

v. to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people

synonym : share, split, distribute

(1) **divvy** up duties, (2) **divvy** out rewards

The group decided to **divvy** up the tasks evenly for the project.

nay

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

synonym : no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

outvote

v. to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support

synonym: oust, defeat, surpass

(1) **outvote** opponents, (2) **outvote** the dissenters

We must convince more people to side with us, or they'll **outvote** us at the next election.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym: recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

Session 2: Spelling

1. assume gru_____ly *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
2. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
3. ou_____e the dissenters *v.* to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support
4. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
5. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
6. ou_____e opponents *v.* to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support
7. gru_____ly apologize *adv.* in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent
8. di__y up duties *v.* to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people
9. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 1. grudgingly, 2. bribe, 3. outvote, 4. intuition, 5. coop, 6. outvote, 7. grudgingly, 8. divvy, 9. nay

10. de___e the meaning of a word *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
11. fell ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
12. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
13. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
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15. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
16. dumped ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
17. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
18. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
19. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 10. deduce, 11. overboard, 12. coop, 13. plank, 14. plank, 15. thirst, 16. overboard, 17. bribe, 18. deduce, 19. nay

20. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
21. di__y out rewards *v.* to divide or distribute something, often something that is shared or pooled among a group of people
22. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

ANSWERS: 20. intuition, 21. divvy, 22. thirst

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He claimed he could finish the project in a day, _____ in just a few hours.
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ANSWERS: 8. outvote, 9. divvy, 10. plank, 11. deduced