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Session 1: Word List

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

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.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

almighty

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over

his subjects.

emancipate

v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

synonym: liberate, free, release

(1) **emancipate** a slave, (2) **emancipate** him from anxiety

The organization works to **emancipate** people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mass inc_____ion | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 2. inc_____ion rates | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 3. incumbent leg_____or | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws |
| 4. cr_____an skill | <i>n.</i> a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials |
| 5. reh_____ate wildlife | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 6. ra__r blade | <i>n.</i> a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair |
| 7. in___e population | <i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility |
| 8. al_____ty dollar | <i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent |
| 9. en_____e him to a pension | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 10. st__k landscape | <i>adj.</i> empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications |

ANSWERS: 1. incarceration, 2. incarceration, 3. legislator, 4. craftsman, 5. rehabilitate, 6. razor, 7. inmate, 8. almighty, 9. entitle, 10. stark

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| 11. reh_____ate prisoners | <i>v.</i> | 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 |
| 12. ema_____te a slave | <i>v.</i> | to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate |
| 13. a subtle cr_____an | <i>n.</i> | a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials |
| 14. al_____ty power | <i>adj.</i> | having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent |
| 15. a leg_____or appointed by the party | <i>n.</i> | a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws |
| 16. st__k truth | <i>adj.</i> | empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications |
| 17. ema_____te him from anxiety | <i>v.</i> | to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate |
| 18. an electric ra__r | <i>n.</i> | a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair |
| 19. en_____e the company to use the logo | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 20. in___e rights | <i>n.</i> | a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility |

ANSWERS: 11. rehabilitate, 12. emancipate, 13. craftsman, 14. almighty, 15. legislator, 16. stark, 17. emancipate, 18. razor, 19. entitle, 20. inmate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization works to _____ people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.
v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
2. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.
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3. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
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4. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
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6. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
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7. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
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8. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. emancipate, 2. razor, 3. rehabilitate, 4. incarceration, 5. legislators, 6. stark, 7. inmates, 8. entitled

9. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
- n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
10. The _____ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
- adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

ANSWERS: 9. craftsman, 10. almighty