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Session 1: Word List

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym: tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym: shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

warlord

n. a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

synonym : chieftain, commander, leader

(1) tribal **warlord**, (2) regional **warlord**

The **warlord's** army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym : kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

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.

nadir

n. the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically

synonym : bottom, lowest point, rock bottom

(1) political **nadir**, (2) **nadir** altitude

After the controversial policy was implemented, the country's reputation hit a new **nadir**.

ambush

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym : trap, surprise, lure

(1) attacking from **ambush**, (2) **ambush** marketing

Armed police officers lay in **ambush** in front of the criminal's house.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

perilous

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

synonym : risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym : moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

doomsday

n. the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

synonym : Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday**

This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

whistle

- v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

- (1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

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.

jetty

- n.* a structure built out into the water from a shore or riverbank, typically using wooden or stone pilings, to provide a landing place or to protect a harbor or shoreline from erosion; a walkway or platform over the water, often used for recreational or fishing purposes

synonym: pier, dock, breakwater

- (1) wooden **jetty**, (2) fishing **jetty**

We sat on the **jetty**, watching the sunset and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere.

hail

- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym: greet, salute, welcome

- (1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

furtive

- adj.* characterized by stealth or secrecy; done or acting in a way that is intended to escape notice or attention

synonym: sly, secretive, clandestine

(1) **furtive** glance, (2) **furtive** movement

He tried to hide his **furtive** activities from his friends.

shard

n. a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

synonym : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

forearm

n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

(1) **forearm** bone, (2) several veins of the **forearm**

The accident left him with numbness in his left **forearm**.

expedite

v. to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something

synonym : accelerate, hasten, hurry

(1) **expedite** the decision, (2) **expedite** the shipment

We need to **expedite** the process if we want to meet our deadline.

limbo

n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

synonym : purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

(1) left in **limbo**, (2) **limbo** period

Her career was in **limbo** as she waited for a job offer.

politic

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

synonym : wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. political na__r | <i>n.</i> the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically |
| 2. mass kid_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive |
| 3. wh_____e a tune | <i>v.</i> to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound |
| 4. gr__n in pain | <i>v.</i> to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction |
| 5. ex__e community | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 6. pe_____us journey | <i>adj.</i> involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm |
| 7. li__o period | <i>n.</i> a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things |
| 8. fu_____e glance | <i>adj.</i> characterized by stealth or secrecy; done or acting in a way that is intended to escape notice or attention |
| 9. fo_____m bone | <i>n.</i> the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation |

ANSWERS: 1. nadir, 2. kidnapping, 3. whistle, 4. groan, 5. exile, 6. perilous, 7. limbo, 8. furtive, 9. forearm

10. fu____e movement *adj.* characterized by stealth or secrecy; done or acting in a way that is intended to escape notice or attention
11. do____ay scenario *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
12. fishing je__y *n.* a structure built out into the water from a shore or riverbank, typically using wooden or stone pilings, to provide a landing place or to protect a harbor or shoreline from erosion; a walkway or platform over the water, often used for recreational or fishing purposes
13. several veins of the fo____m *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
14. co____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
15. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
16. broken sh__d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
17. ap____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
18. pe____us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 10. furtive, 11. doomsday, 12. jetty, 13. forearm, 14. confine, 15. groan, 16. shard, 17. appalling, 18. perilous

19. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
20. left in li__o *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
21. heal the body po____c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
22. ex____te the shipment *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
23. sh__d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
24. attacking from am____h *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
25. wooden je__y *n.* a structure built out into the water from a shore or riverbank, typically using wooden or stone pilings, to provide a landing place or to protect a harbor or shoreline from erosion; a walkway or platform over the water, often used for recreational or fishing purposes
26. ex____te the decision *v.* to accelerate or speed up a process or task to make it happen more quickly or efficiently; to facilitate the progress of something
27. tribal wa____d *n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

ANSWERS: 19. confuse, 20. limbo, 21. politic, 22. expedite, 23. shard, 24. ambush, 25. jetty, 26. expedite, 27. warlord

28. wh____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
29. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
30. mi____t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
31. ab____t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
32. mi____t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
33. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
34. a po____c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
35. sm____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
36. economic do____ay *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

ANSWERS: 28. whistle, 29. hail, 30. minaret, 31. abduct, 32. minaret, 33. confuse, 34. politic, 35. smuggle, 36. doomsday

48. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
49. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
50. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 48. terrifying, 49. hail, 50. torch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
 - v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

2. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
 - n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

3. We sat on the _____ watching the sunset and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere.
 - n.* a structure built out into the water from a shore or riverbank, typically using wooden or stone pilings, to provide a landing place or to protect a harbor or shoreline from erosion; a walkway or platform over the water, often used for recreational or fishing purposes

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5. This task is going to take me till _____.
 - n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

6. Armed police officers lay in _____ in front of the criminal's house.
 - n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

ANSWERS: 1. hail, 2. torch, 3. jetty, 4. warlord's, 5. doomsday, 6. ambush

7. The accident left him with numbness in his left _____.
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8. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
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14. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
- v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 7. forearm, 8. whistle-blow, 9. expedite, 10. politic, 11. exiled, 12. shard, 13. kidnapping, 14. confined

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adj. very frightening or intimidating

17. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

18. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.

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adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

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ANSWERS: 15. nadir, 16. terrifying, 17. smuggle, 18. groan, 19. limbo, 20. perilous, 21. appalling, 22. furtive

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ANSWERS: 23. abducted, 24. minaret, 25. confused