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Session 1: Word List

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.

pistol

n. a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

synonym: revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

thorn

n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym: spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

blindfold

- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

rehearse

- v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

liberate

- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

adrenaline

- n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym : epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

baroque

- adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym : conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region
He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. up_____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
2. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
3. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
4. up_____e Connecticut *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
5. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
6. ba_____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
7. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
8. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
9. re_____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

ANSWERS: 1. upstate, 2. smartphone, 3. rehearse, 4. upstate, 5. liberate, 6. baroque, 7. corruptible, 8. liberate, 9. rehearse

10. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
12. cha____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
13. adr____ne addiction *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
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ANSWERS: 10. sham, 11. curator, 12. charismatic, 13. adrenaline, 14. adrenaline, 15. unbearable, 16. curator, 17. unbearable

18. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
19. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
20. pi___l shot *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
21. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
22. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
23. pi___l grip *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
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ANSWERS: 18. blindfold, 19. scar, 20. pistol, 21. razor, 22. blindfold, 23. pistol, 24. baroque

25. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
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28. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
29. th__n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
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ANSWERS: 25. razor, 26. charismatic, 27. sham, 28. smartphone, 29. thorn, 30. scar, 31. corruptible, 32. thorn

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. scar, 2. baroque, 3. blindfold, 4. smartphones, 5. pistols, 6. thorn, 7. liberated

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ANSWERS: 16. razor