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Session 1: Word List

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym : impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

reluctantly

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

synonym : unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave

He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym : fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym : outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy

He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

induct

v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

synonym : enlist, recruit, conscript

(1) **induct** them into military service, (2) **induct** a clergyperson to a benefice

We were **inducted** into the honor society.

headstart

n. an advantage granted or gained at the beginning of something, such as a competition or race

synonym: advantage

(1) have a good **headstart**, (2) **headstart** in that market

The horse was able to get a **headstart**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. he_____rt in that market | <i>n.</i> an advantage granted or gained at the beginning of something, such as a competition or race |
| 2. im_____on illegal immigrant | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |
| 3. vo_____o alert level | <i>n.</i> a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust. |
| 4. re_____re market | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 5. in____t them into military service | <i>v.</i> to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas |
| 6. a di_____or with enormous powers | <i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 7. ou_____rt a conspiracy | <i>v.</i> to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic |
| 8. active vo_____o | <i>n.</i> a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust. |

ANSWERS: 1. headstart, 2. imprison, 3. volcano, 4. reassure, 5. induct, 6. dictator, 7. outsmart, 8. volcano

9. in___t a clergyman to a benefice *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas
10. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
11. rel_____ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
12. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
13. wr__h of God *n.* extreme anger
14. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
15. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
16. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
17. rel_____ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
18. ou_____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
19. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 9. induct, 10. imprison, 11. reluctantly, 12. opaque, 13. wrath, 14. dictator, 15. opaque, 16. wrath, 17. reluctantly, 18. outsmart, 19. reassure

20. have a good he_____rt

n. an advantage granted or gained at the beginning of something, such as a competition or race

ANSWERS: 20. headstart

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
2. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
3. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
4. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.
n. extreme anger
5. He _____ agreed to go to the party.
adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
6. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.
v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
7. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
8. We were _____ into the honor society.
v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

ANSWERS: 1. reassure, 2. volcano, 3. dictator, 4. wrath, 5. reluctantly, 6. outsmart, 7. imprisoned, 8. inducted

9. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

10. The horse was able to get a _____.

n. an advantage granted or gained at the beginning of something, such as a competition or race

ANSWERS: 9. opaque, 10. headstart