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Session 1: Word List

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

brothel

n. a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution

synonym: bagnio, bordello, whorehouse

(1) illegal **brothel**, (2) underground **brothel**

The police raided the **brothel** in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

untouchable

adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

synonym: unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

utensil

n. a tool used in the house

synonym: appliance, equipment, instrument

(1) cooking **utensils**, (2) cleaning **utensils**

This cuisine requires special kitchen **utensils**.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym : acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

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.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

Session 2: Spelling

1. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
2. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
3. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
4. con_____ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
5. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
6. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
7. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
8. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
9. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 1. pun, 2. controllable, 3. moth, 4. controllable, 5. courtyard, 6. deprive, 7. sect, 8. laborer, 9. laureate

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| 10. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 11. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 12. cleaning ut_____ls | <i>n.</i> a tool used in the house |
| 13. military ca___e | <i>n.</i> a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society |
| 14. underground br_____l | <i>n.</i> a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution |
| 15. poet la_____te | <i>n.</i> a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work |
| 16. an unt_____le coincidence | <i>adj.</i> too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept |
| 17. the pl____t of the poor | <i>n.</i> a difficult or unfortunate situation |
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| 19. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 20. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |

ANSWERS: 10. empower, 11. industrious, 12. utensil, 13. caste, 14. brothel, 15. laureate, 16. unthinkable, 17. plight, 18. brothel, 19. industrious, 20. cofounder

21. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
22. la____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
23. miserable pl____t *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
24. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
25. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
26. de____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
27. co____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
28. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
29. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
30. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 21. sect, 22. laborer, 23. plight, 24. plead, 25. empower, 26. deprive, 27. confine, 28. sensitize, 29. pun, 30. caste

31. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
32. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
33. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
34. unt_____le authority *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
35. cooking ut_____ls *n.* a tool used in the house
36. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
37. discrimination against ou_____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
38. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
39. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
40. social ou_____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

ANSWERS: 31. moth, 32. doe, 33. courtyard, 34. untouchable, 35. utensil, 36. doe, 37. outcast, 38. plead, 39. cofounder, 40. outcast

41. unt_____le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
42. se_____ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
43. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
44. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

ANSWERS: 41. untouchable, 42. sensitize, 43. confine, 44. unthinkable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
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ANSWERS: 9. laureate, 10. deprived, 11. empowered, 12. untouchable, 13. sect, 14. sensitize, 15. doe

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