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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- germ** *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen
(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- motto** *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase
(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- transnational** *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
synonym: international, global, cross-border
(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime
The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
- frightening** *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming
(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.
- plunge** *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
synonym: dive, drop, thrust
(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart
The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.
- opportune** *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
synonym: suitable, timely, practical
(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

ply

v. to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials

synonym: cater, provide, fold

(1) **ply** the route, (2) double **ply**

She learned to **ply** her knitting needles skillfully, creating beautiful sweaters and scarves.

tarp

n. (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

synonym: cover, canopy, tarpaulin

(1) heavy-duty **tarp**, (2) polyethylene **tarp**

The painters spread a **tarp** over the floor to avoid splattering paint.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

synonym: probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs
He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

minster

n. a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities

synonym: cathedral, abbey, church

(1) **minster** cathedral, (2) parish **minster**

The Gothic architecture of the medieval **minster** was awe-inspiring.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

gallows

n. a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging

synonym: gibbet, scaffold, hanging

(1) **gallows** humor, (2) with **gallows** eyes

The judge sentenced the criminal to the **gallows** for his heinous crimes.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

resign

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

synonym : quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym : claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym : arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

injunction

n. a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

synonym : order, command, directive

(1) legal **injunction**, (2) court **injunction**

The union requested an **injunction** to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re___n all hopes
v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
2. parish mi____r
n. a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities
3. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. in___t him of injuries
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
5. ga_____s humor
n. a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
6. un___d the story
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
7. polyethylene t__p
n. (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

ANSWERS: 1. resign, 2. minster, 3. opportune, 4. indict, 5. gallows, 6. unfold, 7. tarp

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| 8. legal inj_____on | <i>n.</i> a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something |
| 9. co____r degree | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something |
| 10. re_____nt our life | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 11. p_y into the affairs | <i>v.</i> to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions |
| 12. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 13. al____e abuse | <i>v.</i> to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence |
| 14. ca____l agreement | <i>n.</i> a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits |
| 15. a nonaggression p__t | <i>n.</i> a formal agreement between two or more parties |
| 16. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |

ANSWERS: 8. injunction, 9. confer, 10. reinvent, 11. pry, 12. opportune, 13. allege, 14. cartel, 15. pact, 16. germ

17. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
18. bat _____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
19. double p_y *v.* to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
20. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
21. de_____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
22. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
23. re_____n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
24. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
25. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
26. heavy-duty t__p *n.* (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

ANSWERS: 17. pry, 18. battleground, 19. ply, 20. doe, 21. denounce, 22. confer, 23. resign, 24. secrecy, 25. reinvent, 26. tarp

27. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
28. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
29. p_y the route *v.* to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
30. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
31. en____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
32. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
33. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
34. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 27. pact, 28. allege, 29. ply, 30. rev, 31. encrypt, 32. applause, 33. transnational, 34. instinct

35. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
36. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
37. vulnerable to br____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
38. court inj_____on *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
39. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
40. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
41. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
42. en____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 35. indict, 36. spawn, 37. bribery, 38. injunction, 39. rev, 40. applause, 41. motto, 42. encrypt

43. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
44. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
45. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
46. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
47. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
48. br_____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
49. with ga_____s eyes *n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
50. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
51. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

ANSWERS: 43. transnational, 44. denounce, 45. cartel, 46. unintended, 47. troop, 48. bribery, 49. gallows, 50. unfold, 51. secrecy

52. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
53. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
54. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
55. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
56. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
57. mi_____r cathedral *n.* a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities
58. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
59. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
60. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
61. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
62. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
63. 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

ANSWERS: 52. battleground, 53. spawn, 54. instinct, 55. plunge, 56. troop, 57. minster, 58. frightening, 59. motto, 60. frightening, 61. unintended, 62. plunge, 63. doe

64. a g__m-free environment

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 64. germ

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
 - v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

2. The painters spread a _____ over the floor to avoid splattering paint.
 - n. (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

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4. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
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5. The union requested an _____ to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.
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6. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to _____ from her position.
 - v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

7. The city became a _____ during the war.
 - n. a place where a battle is fought

ANSWERS: 1. reinvent, 2. tarp, 3. germ, 4. plunged, 5. injunction, 6. resign, 7. battleground

8. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
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ANSWERS: 16. confer, 17. ply, 18. gallows, 19. secrecy, 20. unintended, 21. bribery, 22. cartel

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ANSWERS: 23. alleged, 24. opportune, 25. denounced, 26. troop, 27. unfolded, 28. transnational, 29. applause, 30. indict

31. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.

- v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

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ANSWERS: 31. encrypt, 32. frightening