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Session 1: Word List

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

notepad

n. (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

synonym: notebook, memo pad, scratch pad

(1) digital **notepad**, (2) small **notepad**

I always keep a **notepad** and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

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**.

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.

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish
The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients
Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en____p the whole world | v. | to surround and cover completely; to encase |
| 2. ci_____te a rumor | v. | to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system |
| 3. cause dis_____ate damage | adj. | too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence |
| 4. sm_____e drugs | v. | to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally |
| 5. ma_____y the image for display | v. | to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 6. sm_____e herself out of a country | v. | to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally |
| 7. s__b at the enemy with a knife | v. | to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife |
| 8. ov_____a shipments | adj. | situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries |
| 9. sp_____le lens | n. | something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |

ANSWERS: 1. envelop, 2. circulate, 3. disproportionate, 4. smuggle, 5. magnify, 6. smuggle, 7. stab, 8. oversea, 9. spectacle

10. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
11. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
12. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
13. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
14. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
15. 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
16. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
17. 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
18. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
19. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
20. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 10. envelop, 11. terrify, 12. commemorate, 13. terrifying, 14. terrifying, 15. rev, 16. stark, 17. rev, 18. spectacle, 19. matte, 20. disguise

21. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
22. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
23. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
25. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
26. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
27. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
28. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
29. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
30. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
31. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
32. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 21. matte, 22. empathy, 23. improvisation, 24. creep, 25. circulate, 26. commemorate, 27. disguise, 28. disproportionate, 29. creep, 30. empathy, 31. stab, 32. casualty

33. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
34. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
35. small no____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
36. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
37. digital no____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
38. civilian ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
39. for ov____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
40. ma____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 33. stark, 34. terrify, 35. notepad, 36. improvisation, 37. notepad, 38. casualty, 39. oversea, 40. magnify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
2. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
3. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
4. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
5. She could not help watching the sad _____.
n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
6. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
7. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
8. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
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

ANSWERS: 1. enveloped, 2. terrifying, 3. disproportionate, 4. terrify, 5. spectacle, 6. disguised, 7. creeps, 8. rev

9. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
10. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
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11. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
12. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
13. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
14. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
15. The body of his car has a _____ finish.
adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
16. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
17. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 9. stabbed, 10. oversea, 11. improvisation, 12. smuggle, 13. circulates, 14. commemorated, 15. matte, 16. stark, 17. magnify

18. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
19. I always keep a _____ and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.
- n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
20. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 18. casualty, 19. notepad, 20. Empathy