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Session 1: Word List

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people
synonym: argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

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.

airwave

n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

synonym: broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

seize

- v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

- (1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

sideline

- n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

- (1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

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.

underreport

- v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required

synonym : understate, downplay, minimize

- (1) **underreport** the number of employees, (2) **underreport** expenses

Some companies **underreport** their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. sense of op_____sm
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
3. se__e a person's property
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
4. st__k of celery
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
5. se__e the day
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. sw__l a population
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 1. indict, 2. optimism, 3. seize, 4. stalk, 5. seize, 6. swell

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| 7. n__d neck | <i>n.</i> a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc. |
| 8. former con_____son | <i>n.</i> a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination) |
| 9. political op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 10. family qu_____l | <i>n.</i> an argument or dispute between two or more people |
| 11. und_____rt the number of employees | <i>v.</i> to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required |
| 12. hawkish con_____son | <i>n.</i> a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination) |
| 13. c__p a book shut | <i>v.</i> to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |
| 14. c__p my hands | <i>v.</i> to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise |

ANSWERS: 7. nerd, 8. congressperson, 9. optimism, 10. quarrel, 11. underreport, 12. congressperson, 13. clap, 14. clap

15. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
16. heated qu____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
17. op____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
18. 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
19. the nation's ca____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
20. lucrative si____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
21. und____rt expenses *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required

ANSWERS: 15. stalk, 16. quarrel, 17. optimist, 18. indict, 19. capitol, 20. sideline, 21. underreport

22. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
23. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
24. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. walkie-talkie ai____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
26. commercial ai____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
27. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
28. Ca____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
29. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
30. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 22. nerd, 23. empower, 24. empower, 25. airwave, 26. airwave, 27. optimist, 28. capitol, 29. sideline, 30. swell

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The term of a _____ is two years.
 - n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

2. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
 - v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

3. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
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4. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
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5. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
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6. The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the _____.
 - n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

7. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
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ANSWERS: 1. congressperson, 2. seize, 3. optimist, 4. swelling, 5. sideline, 6. airwaves, 7. capitol

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- n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

ANSWERS: 8. underreport, 9. optimism, 10. clapped, 11. indict, 12. nerd, 13. empowered, 14. quarrel

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ANSWERS: 15. stalked