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Session 1: Word List

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

shambles

n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

synonym: disorder, chaos, mess

(1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles**

After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym : tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym : charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

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**.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

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.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

ransom

n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

synonym: blackmail, release, exchange

(1) **ransom** money, (2) **ransom** demand

The kidnappers demanded a **ransom** for the release of the victim.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

blossom

- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. negative ste_____pes | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 2. i_y plant | <i>n.</i> an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings |
| 3. play ha__c in the mind | <i>n.</i> widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 4. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 5. serial qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 6. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 7. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 8. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 9. bl_____m garden | <i>n.</i> the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success |

ANSWERS: 1. stereotype, 2. ivy, 3. havoc, 4. opportune, 5. quitter, 6. resilient, 7. resilient, 8. dedicate, 9. blossom

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| 10. cause ha__c | <i>n.</i> | widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 11. the cr____or's claims | <i>n.</i> | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 12. em____te for better opportunities | <i>v.</i> | to leave one's country or region to settle in another |
| 13. ap____id system | <i>n.</i> | a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors |
| 14. avoid ste____pe | <i>n.</i> | a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 15. member of the ju____ry | <i>n.</i> | persons who administer or enforce justice |
| 16. financial sh____es | <i>n.</i> | a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure |
| 17. im____h him with an error | <i>v.</i> | to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office |
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ANSWERS: 10. havoc, 11. creditor, 12. emigrate, 13. apartheid, 14. stereotype, 15. judiciary, 16. shambles, 17. impeach, 18. apartheid

19. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
20. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
22. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
23. em_____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
24. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
25. ra___m demand *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 19. groom, 20. improvisation, 21. ivy, 22. groom, 23. emigrate, 24. stabilize, 25. ransom, 26. opportune

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| 27. organizational sh_____es | <i>n.</i> | a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure |
| 28. Se___e hearing | <i>n.</i> | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 29. cu_____te a field | <i>v.</i> | to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants |
| 30. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 31. Se___e Finance Committee | <i>n.</i> | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 32. de_____te a few hours | <i>v.</i> | to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 33. independence of the ju_____ry | <i>n.</i> | persons who administer or enforce justice |
| 34. st_____ze prices | <i>v.</i> | to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way |
| 35. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> | the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 36. easy qu_____r | <i>n.</i> | a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 37. im_____h official | <i>v.</i> | to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office |
| 38. ra___m money | <i>n.</i> | a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive |

ANSWERS: 27. shambles, 28. Senate, 29. cultivate, 30. creditor, 31. Senate, 32. dedicate, 33. judiciary, 34. stabilize, 35. improvisation, 36. quitter, 37. impeach, 38. ransom

39. cu_____te relationships

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

40. apple bl_____m

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 39. cultivate, 40. blossom

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The kidnappers demanded a _____ for the release of the victim.
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7. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.
n. persons who administer or enforce justice

ANSWERS: 1. ransom, 2. cultivate, 3. apartheid, 4. ivy, 5. opportune, 6. dedicated, 7. judiciary

8. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
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ANSWERS: 8. resilient, 9. havoc, 10. shambles, 11. improvisation, 12. quitter, 13. emigrated, 14. creditor, 15. impeached, 16. stereotypes

17. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.

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ANSWERS: 17. groom, 18. Senate, 19. stabilizes, 20. blossom