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Session 1: Word List

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

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**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

snipe

v. to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism

synonym: criticize, disparage, sharpshoot

(1) **snipe** at the suspect, (2) **snipe** at each other

The politician **sniped** at his opponent during the debate.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym: threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

grueling

adj. extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity

synonym: exhausting, draining, demanding

(1) **grueling** process, (2) a **grueling** campaign

The marathon was a **grueling** test of endurance.

monotony

n. a situation in which something unchanging and boring

synonym: boredom, tedium, sameness

(1) the **monotony** of the daily routine, (2) break the **monotony**

The **monotony** of the assembly line work made the days feel very long.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

proportionate

adj. having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else

synonym: proportional, commensurate, balanced

(1) **proportionate** response, (2) **proportionate** representation

The judge ruled that the punishment be **proportionate** to the crime committed.

uproot

v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

synonym: remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

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.

limbo

n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

synonym: purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

(1) left in **limbo**, (2) **limbo** period

Her career was in **limbo** as she waited for a job offer.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

seaworthy

adj. able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea

synonym: seafaring, nautical

(1) **seaworthy** vessel, (2) **seaworthy** equipment

The boat had to undergo extensive repairs to make it **seaworthy** again.

overcrowded

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

synonym: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

capsize

v. to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

synonym : overturn, overturning, tipping

(1) **capsize** a boat, (2) **capsize** in the middle of the storm
The strong wind caused the kayak to **capsize**, throwing the paddler into the water.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work
Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

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.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

languish

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

synonym : flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness
He continues to **languish** in prison.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym : inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym : illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

Session 2: Spelling

1. la____sh under illness
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
2. ind____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. sn__e at each other
v. to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
4. break the mo____ny
n. a situation in which something unchanging and boring
5. li__o period
n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
6. un____ed job
adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
7. pro____ate representation
adj. having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
8. ove____ed refugee camp
adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
9. up__t tradition
v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

ANSWERS: 1. languish, 2. industrious, 3. snipe, 4. monotony, 5. limbo, 6. unskilled, 7. proportionate, 8. overcrowded, 9. uproot

10. a gr_____ng campaign *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
11. gr_____ng process *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
12. left in li__o *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
13. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
14. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
15. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
16. ca_____e a boat *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
17. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. ove_____ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
19. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

ANSWERS: 10. grueling, 11. grueling, 12. limbo, 13. menace, 14. drown, 15. checkpoint, 16. capsize, 17. opportune, 18. overcrowded, 19. unskilled

30. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
31. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
32. sn__e at the suspect *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
33. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
34. la____sh for lack of funding *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
35. pri____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
36. fo____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
37. potential me____e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
38. che____nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
39. up____t the tree *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

ANSWERS: 30. shack, 31. displace, 32. snipe, 33. insecure, 34. languish, 35. prioritize, 36. forcibly, 37. menace, 38. checkpoint, 39. uproot

40. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
41. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
42. se_____hy vessel *adj.* able to sail or operate safely and effectively in open waters; fit or suitable for use at sea
43. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
44. the mo_____ny of the daily routine *n.* a situation in which something unchanging and boring
45. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
46. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
47. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
48. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
49. une_____ed society *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
50. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 40. medicinal, 41. drown, 42. seaworthy, 43. misunderstand, 44. monotony, 45. insecure, 46. displace, 47. humiliate, 48. industrious, 49. uneducated, 50. humiliate

51. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
52. fo____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
53. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
54. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
55. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
56. ca____e in the middle of the storm *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
57. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
58. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
59. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
60. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 51. shack, 52. forcibly, 53. prioritize, 54. explode, 55. slit, 56. capsized, 57. exile, 58. misunderstand, 59. opportune, 60. slit

61. 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

62. r_v up the crowd

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ANSWERS: 61. rev, 62. rev

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

2. Her career was in _____ as she waited for a job offer.
n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

3. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

4. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

5. The _____ of the assembly line work made the days feel very long.
n. a situation in which something unchanging and boring

6. The lack of access to education has left many people _____.
adj. lacking knowledge or education

7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

8. We decided to _____ our lives and move to a new city.
v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

ANSWERS: 1. shack, 2. limbo, 3. prioritized, 4. misunderstand, 5. monotony, 6. uneducated, 7. industrious, 8. uproot

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- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 17. sniped, 18. slit, 19. checkpoint, 20. humiliated, 21. overcrowded, 22. dusty, 23. forcibly, 24. generosity

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ANSWERS: 25. languish, 26. exiled, 27. proportionate, 28. rev, 29. grueling, 30. capsize, 31. medicinal

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