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Session 1: Word List

cringe

v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

synonym: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident
The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

fishmonger

n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

synonym: fish seller, piscator

(1) local **fishmonger**, (2) friendly **fishmonger**

The **fishmonger** at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.

monger

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

synonym: peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym: enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

nay

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

synonym : no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym : shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

hind

adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

synonym : back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

cower

v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

synonym : crouch, tremble, cringe

(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure

The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

hotheaded

adj. easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through

synonym : hot-blooded, impulsive, rash

(1) **hotheaded** behavior, (2) **hotheaded** argument

He's known for his **hotheaded** temper and quick reactions.

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym : demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall**

of the once-successful business.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. ha___t village | <i>n.</i> a small village or settlement, often without a church |
| 2. acclaimed pla_____ht | <i>n.</i> a person who writes plays |
| 3. st__g me on the arm | <i>v.</i> to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick |
| 4. sp__l the surprise | <i>v.</i> to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad |
| 5. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 6. de_____s their spirits | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active |
| 7. do_____ll government | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 8. a worried fr__n | <i>v.</i> to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration |
| 9. video game re_____e | <i>v.</i> to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work |

ANSWERS: 1. hamlet, 2. playwright, 3. sting, 4. spoil, 5. disappoint, 6. depress, 7. downfall, 8. frown, 9. remake

10. mo___r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
11. people with fr___n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
12. fish-mo___r *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
13. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
14. a do_____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
15. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. friendly fis_____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

ANSWERS: 10. monger, 11. frown, 12. monger, 13. remake, 14. downfall, 15. provoke, 16. fishmonger

17. historic ha___t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
18. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
19. political di____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
20. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
21. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
22. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
23. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
24. ho_____ed behavior *adj.* easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through
25. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
26. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
27. local fis_____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

ANSWERS: 17. hamlet, 18. depress, 19. disgrace, 20. playwright, 21. intensify, 22. provoke, 23. intensify, 24. hotheaded, 25. sting, 26. distrust, 27. fishmonger

28. cr___e at the thought of an accident *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
29. cr___e with fear *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
30. co__r under pressure *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
31. di____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
32. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
33. h__d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
34. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
35. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
36. co__r in fear *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 28. cringe, 29. cringe, 30. cower, 31. disgrace, 32. onstage, 33. hind, 34. smack, 35. nay, 36. cower

37. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
38. appeared on ____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
39. ho____ed argument *adj.* easily angered or excited; prone to act impulsively or rashly without thinking things through
40. deep-seated an____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
41. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
42. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
43. dis____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
44. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
45. growing di____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
46. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
47. h__d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

ANSWERS: 37. pimp, 38. onstage, 39. hotheaded, 40. animosity, 41. spoil, 42. smack, 43. disappoint, 44. nay, 45. distrust, 46. pimp, 47. hind

48. personal an_____ty

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

ANSWERS: 48. animosity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
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n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. distrust