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Session 1: Word List

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

vengeful

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive

synonym : retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive

(1) feel **vengeful** toward him, (2) **vengeful** actions

She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

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.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym: punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the

government's proposed legislation.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public;
by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

sympathy

n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

hand-in-hand

adv. working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner

synonym : together, united, side by side

(1) work **hand-in-hand**, (2) succeed **hand-in-hand**

We walked **hand-in-hand** along the beach as the sunset.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym: accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

ice-breaking

adj. a situation, activity, or conversation that is intended to help people become more comfortable with one another and establish rapport, especially in a formal or unfamiliar

setting

synonym : introductory, opening

(1) **ice-breaking** activity, (2) **ice-breaking** session

The **ice-breaking** game helped the team members get to know each other better.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym : forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pu____ly accessible record | <i>adv.</i> in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government |
| 2. con_____cy theory | <i>n.</i> a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal |
| 3. br__e soldier | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity |
| 4. st_____th of the economy | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong |
| 5. ice_____ing activity | <i>adj.</i> a situation, activity, or conversation that is intended to help people become more comfortable with one another and establish rapport, especially in a formal or unfamiliar setting |
| 6. su___r a setback | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 7. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 8. have gr__f and sorrow | <i>n.</i> a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies |
| 9. co_____de that he is healthy | <i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning |
| 10. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |

ANSWERS: 1. publicly, 2. conspiracy, 3. brave, 4. strength, 5. ice-breaking, 6. suffer, 7. environment, 8. grief, 9. conclude, 10. decide

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| 11. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 12. ice_____ing session | <i>adj.</i> a situation, activity, or conversation that is intended to help people become more comfortable with one another and establish rapport, especially in a formal or unfamiliar setting |
| 13. professional tra_____or | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another |
| 14. vi____m compensation | <i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event |
| 15. ac____e each other | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 16. an in_____nt child | <i>adj.</i> not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge |
| 17. vi_____t incident | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
| 18. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 19. in____t him of injuries | <i>v.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 11. environment, 12. ice-breaking, 13. translator, 14. victim, 15. accuse, 16. innocent, 17. violent, 18. government, 19. indict

20. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
21. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
22. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
23. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
24. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
25. work han_____and *adv.* working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner
26. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
27. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
28. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
29. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 20. shock, 21. suffer, 22. circumstance, 23. torture, 24. frank, 25. hand-in-hand, 26. patriotism, 27. reconciliation, 28. victim, 29. convict

30. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
31. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
32. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
33. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
34. ve_____ul actions *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
35. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
36. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
37. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
38. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
39. to_____nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
40. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
41. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
42. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 30. embrace, 31. commit, 32. accuse, 33. immediate, 34. vengeful, 35. commit, 36. weep, 37. strength, 38. pun, 39. tolerant, 40. penalty, 41. opposition, 42. frank

43. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
44. a to____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
45. political con____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
46. sy____hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
47. org____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
48. co____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
49. succeed han____and *adv.* working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner
50. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
51. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 43. conclude, 44. torture, 45. conspiracy, 46. sympathy, 47. organization, 48. convict, 49. hand-in-hand, 50. brave, 51. decide, 52. grief

53. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
54. gu____y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
55. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
56. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
57. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
58. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
59. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
60. feel sy____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
61. a to_____nt teacher *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

ANSWERS: 53. violent, 54. guilty, 55. introduction, 56. reconciliation, 57. publicly, 58. opposition, 59. introduction, 60. sympathy, 61. tolerant

62. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
63. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
64. the spirit of pat____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
65. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
66. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
67. cir____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
68. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
69. 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
70. feel a bit gu__y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
71. feel ve____ul toward him *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
72. electronic tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

ANSWERS: 62. shock, 63. nervous, 64. patriotism, 65. government, 66. bury, 67. circumstance, 68. embrace, 69. indict, 70. guilty, 71. vengeful, 72. translator

73. death pe____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
74. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
75. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
76. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
77. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
78. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
79. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
80. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 73. penalty, 74. weep, 75. immediate, 76. innocent, 77. bury, 78. nervous, 79. pun, 80. organization

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.
adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
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n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
3. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
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v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
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ANSWERS: 9. circumstances, 10. guilty, 11. environment, 12. conspiracy, 13. translator, 14. indict, 15. reconciliation

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ANSWERS: 25. ice-breaking, 26. decide, 27. bury, 28. brave, 29. hand-in-hand, 30. vengeful, 31. introduction, 32. publicly

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