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Session 1: Word List

diva

n. a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

synonym : prima donna, star, songstress

(1) screen **diva**, (2) talented **diva**

The singer is known for her **diva-like** behavior backstage.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

mentorship

n. a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

synonym : guidance, coaching, tutorship

(1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym : chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

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.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym : prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

jumpsuit

n. a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment

synonym : overalls, flight suit, coveralls

(1) **jumpsuit** fashion, (2) a black **jumpsuit**

I wore a comfortable **jumpsuit** for the long flight.

touchstone

n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

synonym : benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____ct a telephone
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
2. men_____ip program
n. a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
3. in___e rights
n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
4. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. a black ju_____it
n. a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
6. sh_____e chains
n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
7. artistic tou_____ne
n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

ANSWERS: 1. reconnect, 2. mentorship, 3. inmate, 4. opportune, 5. jumpsuit, 6. shackle, 7. touchstone

8. the tou_____ne of truth *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
9. under his men_____ip *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
10. in___e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
11. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
12. talented d__a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental
13. screen d__a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

ANSWERS: 8. touchstone, 9. mentorship, 10. inmate, 11. barb, 12. diva, 13. diva

14. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
15. metal sh____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
16. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. ju_____it fashion *n.* a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
19. embrace wo_____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
20. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

ANSWERS: 14. barb, 15. shackle, 16. reconnect, 17. opportune, 18. jumpsuit, 19. womanhood, 20. womanhood

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
3. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
4. The _____ for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.
n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
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n. a one-piece garment that combines a shirt and pants, typically worn as a protective or uniform garment
7. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. inmates, 3. reconnected, 4. touchstone, 5. shackles, 6. jumpsuit, 7. womanhood

8. The singer is known for her _____ behavior backstage.
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9. He was grateful for the _____ opportunity given to him by his supervisor.
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ANSWERS: 8. diva-like, 9. mentorship, 10. barbs