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Session 1: Word List

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym : narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

discontinue

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

synonym : halt, end, cease

(1) **discontinue** a service, (2) **discontinue** a project

The company has decided to **discontinue** the production of its unpopular product line.

mariner

n. a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship

synonym : sailor, seafarer, navigator

(1) **mariner's** compass, (2) seasoned **mariner**

The experienced **mariner** guided the ship through treacherous waters.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

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.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

narcotic

n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

synonym : drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her

chronic pain.

submersible

adj. able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid

synonym: submarine, underwater, submerged

(1) **submersible** pump, (2) **submersible** cable

The **submersible** vehicle can explore the depths of the ocean.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym: syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

poppy

n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

(1) **poppy** tea, (2) **poppy** seeds

She wore a red **poppy** on her lapel to honor the veterans.

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym: retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym: nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

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.

admiral

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

synonym : commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

evocation

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

synonym : summoning, calling, eliciting

(1) **evocation** of memories, (2) poetic **evocation**

The novel's vivid descriptions created an **evocation** of the bustling streets of a major city.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

somber

adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

synonym : gloomy, dark, dreary

(1) a suit of **somber** black, (2) **somber** atmosphere
The **somber** mood at the funeral was palpable.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym: house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

rheostat

n. an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors

synonym: dimmer switch, variable resistor, rheostatic switch

(1) electrical **rheostat**, (2) adjustable **rheostat**

The electrician explained the difference between a **rheostat** switch and a regular on-off switch.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. wi____ld my laughter | v. | to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested |
| 2. ind____us student | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 3. fo___d the use of chemical weapons | v. | to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 4. gu___a pig | n. | a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic |
| 5. Wi____ia entry | n. | an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics |
| 6. ind____us worker | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 7. sub____le pump | adj. | able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid |
| 8. gu___a coins | n. | a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic |

ANSWERS: 1. withhold, 2. industrious, 3. forbid, 4. guinea, 5. Wikipedia, 6. industrious, 7. submersible, 8. guinea

9. in_____nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
10. ba_____k room *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
11. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
12. in_____nt attack *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
13. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
14. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
15. deep-sea tr____h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
16. dis_____ue a service *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
17. na_____ic addiction *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

ANSWERS: 9. insurgent, 10. barrack, 11. descend, 12. insurgent, 13. endlessly, 14. creditor, 15. trench, 16. discontinue, 17. narcotic

18. electrical rh____at *n.* an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors
19. st___t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
20. ill____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
21. po__y tea *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
22. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
23. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
24. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
25. ba____k the opposing team *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

ANSWERS: 18. rheostat, 19. strait, 20. illiterate, 21. poppy, 22. cartel, 23. trench, 24. cyber, 25. barrack

26. poetic ev_____on *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
27. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
28. sub_____le cable *adj.* able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid
29. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
30. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
31. ev_____on of memories *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
32. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
33. wi_____ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
34. ma_____r's compass *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
35. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 26. evocation, 27. endlessly, 28. submersible, 29. lash, 30. tweet, 31. evocation, 32. headquarter, 33. withhold, 34. mariner, 35. balk

36. respected ad____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
37. seasoned ma____r *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
38. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
39. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
40. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
41. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
42. ca____l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
43. a suit of so____r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
44. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

ANSWERS: 36. admiral, 37. mariner, 38. Wikipedia, 39. tweet, 40. gulf, 41. gulf, 42. cartel, 43. somber, 44. raft

45. my___c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
46. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
47. na_____ic drug *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
48. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
49. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
50. st___t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
51. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
52. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
53. po__y seeds *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

ANSWERS: 45. myopic, 46. diplomat, 47. narcotic, 48. balk, 49. raft, 50. strait, 51. descend, 52. headquarter, 53. poppy

54. expel a di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
55. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
56. naval ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
57. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
58. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
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61. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
62. dis_____ue a project *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

ANSWERS: 54. diplomat, 55. illiterate, 56. admiral, 57. cyber, 58. incarcerate, 59. incarcerate, 60. lash, 61. forbid, 62. discontinue

63. adjustable rh____at *n.* an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors
64. so____r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
65. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
66. my____c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

ANSWERS: 63. rheostat, 64. somber, 65. creditor, 66. myopic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has decided to _____ the production of its unpopular product line.
 - v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

2. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. discontinue, 2. guineas, 3. withhold, 4. forbid, 5. creditor, 6. raft, 7. incarcerated, 8. lashed

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barrack, 21. mariner, 22. strait, 23. rheostat

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