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Session 1: Word List

roadblock

n. a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

synonym: obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

amble

v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter;
(noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

synonym: saunter, stroll, wander

(1) **amble** along the beach, (2) morning **amble**

We decided to **amble** through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

siege

n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

synonym : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

camaraderie

n. a feeling of trust and good fellowship among people who spend much time together

synonym : fellowship, friendship, bond

(1) the importance of **camaraderie**, (2) military **camaraderie**

The team built strong **camaraderie** over the years and became like a family.

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.

endanger

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

synonym : threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship

Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

deranged

adj. suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad

synonym : insane, crazy, mad

(1) **deranged** mind, (2) mentally **deranged** person
His **deranged** behavior frightened everyone.

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.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without
flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue
attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country
with honor.

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.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is
disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often
in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer
long after the show ended.

throe

n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of
childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of
intense stress or difficulty

synonym : spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death

She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

delude

v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something

synonym : deceive, mislead, fool

(1) **delude** with false promises, (2) **delude** the public

It is easy to **delude** yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym : mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym: heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
2. a suit of so___r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
3. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
4. hostage si__e *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
5. magical won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
6. de___e with false promises *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
7. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
8. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 1. ivory, 2. somber, 3. electrify, 4. siege, 5. wonderland, 6. delude, 7. voiceless, 8. heroic

9. mentally de_____ed person *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad
10. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
11. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
12. military cam_____ie *n.* a feeling of trust and good fellowship among people who spend much time together
13. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
14. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
15. de___e the public *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
16. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
17. th__es of death *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
18. 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
19. de_____ed mind *adj.* suffering from a severe mental disorder; insane or mad

ANSWERS: 9. deranged, 10. courageous, 11. haunt, 12. camaraderie, 13. afterward, 14. voiceless, 15. delude, 16. heroic, 17. throe, 18. snipe, 19. deranged

20. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
21. so___r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
22. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
23. en_____er my health *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
24. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
25. biological ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
26. Alice's won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
27. lay si__e to his house *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
28. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. haunt, 21. somber, 22. crux, 23. endanger, 24. afterward, 25. roadblock, 26. wonderland, 27. siege, 28. policymaker

29. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
30. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
31. the importance of cam_____ie *n.* a feeling of trust and good fellowship among people who spend much time together
32. am__e along the beach *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
33. 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
34. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
35. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
36. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
37. morning am__e *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

ANSWERS: 29. ivory, 30. electrify, 31. camaraderie, 32. amble, 33. snipe, 34. crux, 35. helpless, 36. helpless, 37. amble

38. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
39. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
40. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
41. en_____er a close relationship *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
42. bypass ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
43. the th__es of a financial crisis *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
44. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 38. courageous, 39. policymaker, 40. descend, 41. endanger, 42. roadblock, 43. throe, 44. descend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We decided to _____ through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.
 - v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

2. The politician _____ at his opponent during the debate.
 - 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

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 - v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something

4. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
 - v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

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ANSWERS: 1. amble, 2. sniped, 3. delude, 4. descended, 5. siege, 6. haunt, 7. courageous

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ANSWERS: 8. helpless, 9. somber, 10. throes, 11. endangered, 12. camaraderie, 13. Policymakers, 14. electrify, 15. heroic

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ANSWERS: 16. deranged, 17. crux, 18. afterward, 19. wonderland, 20. roadblock, 21. ivory, 22. voiceless