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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### dope

*n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

*synonym*: narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) **dope** scandal, (2) smoking **dope**

He was arrested for possessing illegal **dope**.

### teem

*v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

*synonym*: brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

### instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**  
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## Senate

*n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

*synonym*: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

## jargon

*n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

*synonym*: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

## relive

*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

*synonym*: revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

## deodorant

*n.* a product applied to the body, typically under the arms, that helps to eliminate or mask unpleasant body odor

*synonym*: antiperspirant, scent, fragrant

(1) **deodorant** stick, (2) spray **deodorant**

Make sure to apply **deodorant** before going to the gym.

## toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

*synonym*: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

## toothpaste

*n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

*synonym* : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

## unload

*v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

*synonym* : empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

## hustle

*v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

*synonym* : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

## barber

*n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

*synonym* : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

## parlor

*n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

*synonym* : living room, salon, lounge

(1) **parlor** game, (2) beauty **parlor**

The family gathered in the **parlor** to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

### smuggle

*v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country  
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

### trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym*: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

### ingenuity

*n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym*: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**  
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

### concoct

*v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

*synonym*: conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines

They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

### sculpt

*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym*: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## toenail

*n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

*synonym* : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

## boulder

*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

*synonym* : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

## rehabilitate

*v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

*synonym* : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

## discriminating

*adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

*synonym* : selective, critical, discerning

(1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye

The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.

## offend

*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

*synonym* : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

**vow**

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym*: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up  
They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

**nurture**

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

**untapped**

*adj.* not yet used or exploited

*synonym*: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. too_____te hygiene product        | <i>n.</i> a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath   |
| 2. hu___e up money                   | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way  |
| 3. v_w allegiance to the new king    | <i>v.</i> to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn   |
| 4. t__m down                         | <i>v.</i> to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily   |
| 5. abound in in_____ty               | <i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways   |
| 6. of___d a customer                 | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  |
| 7. co_____t herbal medicines         | <i>v.</i> to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose                    |
| 8. reh_____ate prisoners             | <i>v.</i> to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment |
| 9. sm_____e herself out of a country | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally  |
| 10. un___d a dishwasher              | <i>v.</i> to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.  |

ANSWERS: 1. toothpaste, 2. hustle, 3. vow, 4. teem, 5. ingenuity, 6. offend, 7. concoct, 8. rehabilitate, 9. smuggle, 10. unload

11. t\_\_m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
12. favorite ba\_\_\_r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
13. in\_\_\_e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
14. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
15. re\_\_\_e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
16. d\_\_\_e scandal *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
17. business ja\_\_\_n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
18. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
19. scientific ja\_\_\_n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 11. teem, 12. barber, 13. inmate, 14. offend, 15. relive, 16. dope, 17. jargon, 18. instinct, 19. jargon



20. sc\_\_\_t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
21. Se\_\_\_e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
22. dis\_\_\_\_\_ing eye *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
23. Se\_\_\_e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
24. beauty pa\_\_\_r *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
25. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
26. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
27. smoking d\_\_\_e *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
28. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
29. un\_\_\_d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. sculpt, 21. Senate, 22. discriminating, 23. Senate, 24. parlor, 25. toothbrush, 26. trade-off, 27. dope, 28. ingenuity, 29. unload

30. spray de\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a product applied to the body, typically under the arms, that helps to eliminate or mask unpleasant body odor
31. pa\_\_\_\_r game *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
32. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
33. bo\_\_\_\_\_r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
34. reh\_\_\_\_\_ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
35. v\_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
36. in\_\_\_e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
37. un\_\_\_\_\_ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
38. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
39. co\_\_\_\_\_t a conspiracy *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

ANSWERS: 30. deodorant, 31. parlor, 32. nurture, 33. boulder, 34. rehabilitate, 35. vow, 36. inmate, 37. untapped, 38. instinct, 39. concoct

40. ba\_\_\_r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
41. ingrown to\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
42. too\_\_\_\_\_te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
43. un\_\_\_\_\_ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
44. hu\_\_\_e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
45. dis\_\_\_\_\_ing judgment *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
46. tr\_\_\_\_\_ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
47. sc\_\_\_t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
48. sm\_\_\_\_\_e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 40. barber, 41. toenail, 42. toothpaste, 43. untapped, 44. hustle, 45. discriminating, 46. trade-off, 47. sculpt, 48. smuggle

49. re\_\_\_e my youth                    *v.*    to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
50. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love                    *v.*    to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
51. to\_\_\_\_\_l fungus                    *n.*    the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
52. too\_\_\_\_\_sh stand                    *n.*    a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
53. lava bo\_\_\_\_\_r                    *n.*    a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
54. de\_\_\_\_\_nt stick                    *n.*    a product applied to the body, typically under the arms, that helps to eliminate or mask unpleasant body odor

ANSWERS: 49. relive, 50. nurture, 51. toenail, 52. toothbrush, 53. boulder, 54. deodorant

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.
  - v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
3. The hikers had to climb over a \_\_\_\_\_ that was blocking their path.
  - n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
4. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
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5. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
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6. I always use mint-flavored \_\_\_\_\_ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.
  - n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
7. The family gathered in the \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.
  - n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

ANSWERS: 1. inmates, 2. offended, 3. boulder, 4. instinct, 5. hustle, 6. toothpaste, 7. parlor

8. My \_\_\_\_\_ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.
- n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
9. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
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- adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
11. He was arrested for possessing illegal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
12. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
13. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
14. The forest held many \_\_\_\_\_ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
- adj.* not yet used or exploited

ANSWERS: 8. toothbrush, 9. toenail, 10. discriminating, 11. dope, 12. nurture, 13. ingenuity, 14. untapped

15. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
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19. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.
- v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
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21. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.
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22. Make sure to apply \_\_\_\_\_ before going to the gym.
- n. a product applied to the body, typically under the arms, that helps to eliminate or mask unpleasant body odor

ANSWERS: 15. vowed, 16. relive, 17. jargon, 18. barber, 19. sculpting, 20. concocted, 21. trade-off, 22. deodorant

23. The organization works to \_\_\_\_\_ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
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- v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
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ANSWERS: 23. rehabilitate, 24. Senate, 25. smuggle, 26. unload, 27. teems