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Session 1: Word List

maverick

adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

synonym: unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

disown

v. to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

synonym: renounce, disinherit, reject

(1) **disown** an adoption, (2) **disown** a responsibility

He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to **disown** him completely.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

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.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym : limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 2. da___g escape | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 3. face the da_____ng reality | <i>adj.</i> looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something |
| 4. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 5. a tr___p of deer | <i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit. |
| 6. n___b with cold | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 7. m___h attracted to the light | <i>n.</i> an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light |
| 8. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 9. seem like a da_____ng task | <i>adj.</i> looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something |

ANSWERS: 1. cofounder, 2. daring, 3. daunting, 4. opportune, 5. troop, 6. numb, 7. moth, 8. opportune, 9. daunting

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| 10. bo_____ss energy | <i>adj.</i> having no limits; limitless |
| 11. political ex__e | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 12. ex__e community | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 13. serial qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 14. bo_____ss imagination | <i>adj.</i> having no limits; limitless |
| 15. con_____ion on a promotion | <i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 16. b__g about my knowledge | <i>v.</i> to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior |
| 17. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 18. ma_____ck politician | <i>adj.</i> characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious |
| 19. make a da__g face | <i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks |
| 20. ma_____ck behavior | <i>adj.</i> characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious |
| 21. b__g to each other | <i>v.</i> to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior |

ANSWERS: 10. boundless, 11. exile, 12. exile, 13. quitter, 14. boundless, 15. congratulation, 16. brag, 17. cofounder, 18. maverick, 19. daring, 20. maverick, 21. brag

22. di___n an adoption *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something
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25. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
26. fr_____ty of life *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
27. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
28. emotional fr_____ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
29. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
30. di___n a responsibility *v.* to reject or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own; to renounce or disclaim any connection or relationship with someone or something

ANSWERS: 22. disown, 23. moth, 24. troop, 25. numb, 26. fragility, 27. quitter, 28. fragility, 29. congratulation, 30. disown

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was so disappointed in his son's actions that he decided to _____ him completely.
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4. The _____ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.
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5. My left arm became _____.
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6. The _____ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.
 - adj. having no limits; limitless

7. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
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ANSWERS: 1. disown, 2. daunting, 3. exiled, 4. maverick, 5. numb, 6. boundless, 7. bragging

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12. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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14. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
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ANSWERS: 8. fragility, 9. moth, 10. troop, 11. quitter, 12. opportune, 13. daring, 14. cofounder, 15. congratulations

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