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Session 1: Word List

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but

managed to get along.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

emaciated

adj. extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation

synonym : thin, gaunt, bony

(1) become **emaciated**, (2) **emaciated** form

The **emaciated** man was severely malnourished.

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.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds
The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

repatriate

v. to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled

synonym : return, bring back

(1) **repatriate** capital, (2) **repatriate** prisoners
The government has agreed to **repatriate** refugees back to their home countries.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police
The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

unnatural

adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected

synonym : abnormal, bizarre, artificial

(1) **unnatural** death, (2) **unnatural** disaster

The **unnatural** growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym : violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

synonym : abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

chaperon

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

synonym : escort, companion, guardian

(1) **chaperon** duties, (2) need for a **chaperon**

The school dance required each group of students to have a **chaperon** to supervise.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

Session 2: Spelling

1. e__y his success
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
2. coal fa___e
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
3. have as_____ng eyes
adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
4. re_____e after five years
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
5. mi_____t worker
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
6. fo_____ly taken into a car
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
7. become em_____ed
adj. extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation
8. he_____ss victims
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
9. ex_____e in anger
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 1. envy, 2. famine, 3. aspiring, 4. reunite, 5. migrant, 6. forcibly, 7. emaciated, 8. helpless, 9. explode

10. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
11. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
12. em_____ed form *adj.* extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation
13. un_____al death *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
14. fo_____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
15. a li_____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
16. ch_____on duties *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
17. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
18. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
19. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

ANSWERS: 10. interrogate, 11. intercept, 12. emaciated, 13. unnatural, 14. forcibly, 15. lifeless, 16. chaperon, 17. bribe, 18. coworker, 19. desolate

20. fall li____ss *adj.* without life; dead
21. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
22. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
23. rep_____te prisoners *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
24. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
25. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
26. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
27. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
28. pr_____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
29. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
30. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 20. lifeless, 21. singe, 22. interrogate, 23. repatriate, 24. bribe, 25. desolate, 26. coworker, 27. singe, 28. prosper, 29. imprison, 30. aft

31. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
32. do im_____ve buying *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
33. rep_____te capital *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
34. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
35. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
36. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
37. ac_____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
38. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
39. an im_____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
40. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 31. helpless, 32. impulsive, 33. repatriate, 34. aspiring, 35. imprison, 36.

explode, 37. accuse, 38. migrant, 39. impulsive, 40. envy

41. pr____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
42. re____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
43. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
44. un____al disaster *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
45. in____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
46. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
47. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
48. need for a ch____on *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

ANSWERS: 41. prosper, 42. reunite, 43. rev, 44. unnatural, 45. intercept, 46. rev, 47. accuse, 48. chaperon

49. fa___e relief

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

50. a_t cabin

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 49. famine, 50. aft

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
2. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
3. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
4. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
6. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.
v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
7. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

ANSWERS: 1. singed, 2. helpless, 3. envy, 4. rev, 5. accused, 6. prosper, 7. forcibly

8. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
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9. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
10. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
11. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
12. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
13. The school dance required each group of students to have a _____ to supervise.
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14. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 8. aft, 9. coworker, 10. reunite, 11. intercept, 12. bribe, 13. chaperon, 14. imprisoned

15. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
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16. The government has agreed to _____ refugees back to their home countries.
v. to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
17. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
18. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
19. He regrets the _____ behavior he took in his drunken state.
adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
20. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.
adj. without life; dead
21. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
22. The _____ man was severely malnourished.
adj. extremely thin or weak, especially as a result of illness or starvation

ANSWERS: 15. migrant, 16. repatriate, 17. exploded, 18. desolate, 19. impulsive, 20. lifeless, 21. famine, 22. emaciated

23. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

24. The _____ growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected

25. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 23. aspiring, 24. unnatural, 25. interrogate