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Session 1: Word List

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

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.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

magistrate

n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

synonym: judge, administrator, official

(1) chief **magistrate**, (2) **magistrate** court

The local **magistrate** is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

protector

n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

synonym: guardian, defender, custodian

(1) environmental **protector**, (2) wildlife **protector**

The bodyguard acted as a **protector** for the celebrity.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

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.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym: scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

foreman

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a

juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

synonym: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym: splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

overseer

n. a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something

synonym: supervisor, manager, superintendent

(1) **overseer** of a plantation, (2) production **overseer**

The **overseer** of the construction project was responsible for ensuring everything was done on time and within budget.

dignitary

n. a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area

synonym: official, statesman, leader

(1) local **dignitary**, (2) visiting **dignitary**

The national **dignitary** arrived at the airport surrounded by security guards.

annex

v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

synonym: add, take over, (noun) appendix

(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**

The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym : grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

weirdo

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

synonym : freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

warhead

n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

synonym : payload, explosive

(1) **warhead** missile, (2) nuclear **warhead**

The missile launch was successful, and the **warhead** hit its intended target.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym : finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
2. environmental pr_____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
3. a ca___y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
4. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
5. a total we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
6. promote di_____st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
7. treated as a we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
8. an__x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
9. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
10. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
11. fo_____n position *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

ANSWERS: 1. republican, 2. protector, 3. catchy, 4. endow, 5. weirdo, 6. dishonest, 7. weirdo, 8. annex, 9. monumental, 10. meager, 11. foreman

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| 12. junior se_____r | <i>n.</i> a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate |
| 13. ma_____y of nature | <i>n.</i> regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness |
| 14. chief mag_____te | <i>n.</i> a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court |
| 15. im_____on illegal immigrant | <i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement |
| 16. local di_____ry | <i>n.</i> a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area |
| 17. di_____st politicians | <i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest |
| 18. me_____r resources | <i>adj.</i> small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate |
| 19. en__w the scholarship | <i>v.</i> to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution |
| 20. abolish mo_____hy | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority |
| 21. fo_____n duties | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court |

ANSWERS: 12. senator, 13. majesty, 14. magistrate, 15. imprison, 16. dignitary, 17. dishonest, 18. meager, 19. endow, 20. monarchy, 21. foreman

22. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
23. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
24. bo____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
25. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
26. mo____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
27. mon____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
28. natural gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
29. visiting di____ry *n.* a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area
30. br____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
31. lost in gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

ANSWERS: 22. drone, 23. bravery, 24. boredom, 25. drone, 26. monarchy, 27. monumental, 28. grandeur, 29. dignitary, 30. bravery, 31. grandeur

32. chronic bo____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
33. ov____er of a plantation *n.* a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something
34. nuclear wa____d *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
35. mag____te court *n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court
36. pr____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
37. im____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
38. pr____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
39. wildlife pr____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
40. ca____y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
41. Rep____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 32. boredom, 33. overseer, 34. warhead, 35. magistrate, 36. preside, 37. imprison, 38. preside, 39. protector, 40. catchy, 41. republican

42. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
43. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
44. morning ma____y *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
45. hotel an__x *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
46. production ov____er *n.* a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something
47. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
48. wa____d missile *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

ANSWERS: 42. senator, 43. Senate, 44. majesty, 45. annex, 46. overseer, 47. Senate, 48. warhead

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The bodyguard acted as a _____ for the celebrity.
n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

2. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

3. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

4. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger

5. He was _____ for embezzlement.
v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

6. The local _____ is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.
n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

7. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
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ANSWERS: 1. protector, 2. endowed, 3. republican, 4. bravery, 5. imprisoned, 6. magistrate, 7. meager

8. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
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10. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
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16. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.
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ANSWERS: 8. Senate, 9. catchy, 10. president, 11. majesty, 12. weirdo, 13. dishonest, 14. grandeur, 15. warhead, 16. monarchy

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ANSWERS: 17. annexed, 18. boredom, 19. senator, 20. monumental, 21. overseer, 22. dignitary, 23. drone, 24. foreman

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