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Session 1: Word List

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
synonym: exert, manage, handle
(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence
They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
synonym: ape, chimpanzee, orangutan
(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**
The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

crucify

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
synonym: execute, martyr, nail to cross
(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions
The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym : predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym : indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

insurgence

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

synonym : revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) violent **insurgence**, (2) quell **insurgence**

The government's decision sparked an **insurgence** among the citizens.

napalm

n. a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of

causing extensive fire damage

synonym: firebomb, gelignite, jellied gasoline

(1) **napalm** explosion, (2) **napalm** attack

The war zone was devastated by the use of **napalm** bombs.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

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.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

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.

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.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tr_____nd limits v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
2. ou_____e over injustice n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
3. ind_____us student adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. sti_____ze him as a swindler v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
5. a_t cabin adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
6. deeply re_____te with the consumers v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
7. tr_____nd boundaries v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
8. fr_____ty of life n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
9. re_____te in the same frequency v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
10. na___m attack n. a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

ANSWERS: 1. transcend, 2. outrage, 3. industrious, 4. stigmatize, 5. aft, 6. resonate, 7. transcend, 8. fragility, 9. resonate, 10. napalm

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| 11. age-old cl___e | <i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement |
| 12. endangered go_____a | <i>n.</i> a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face |
| 13. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 14. ho_____y victims | <i>v.</i> to shock or disgust greatly |
| 15. in___t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 16. di_____b the peace | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 17. wi__d a bad influence | <i>v.</i> to possess and exercise power, authority, etc |
| 18. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 19. cr_____y a criminal | <i>v.</i> to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die |
| 20. emotional fr_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable |
| 21. in___t other animal species | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 22. coal fa___e | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |

ANSWERS: 11. cliché, 12. gorilla, 13. industrious, 14. horrify, 15. infect, 16. disturb, 17. wield, 18. deem, 19. crucify, 20. fragility, 21. infect, 22. famine

23. cr____y him for their actions *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
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25. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
26. violent ins____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
27. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
28. 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
29. uns____ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
30. public ou____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
31. quell ins____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

ANSWERS: 23. crucify, 24. gorilla, 25. aft, 26. insurgence, 27. benign, 28. haunt, 29. unsurprising, 30. outrage, 31. insurgence

32. 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
33. na___m explosion *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
34. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
35. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
36. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
37. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
38. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
39. pr____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
40. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
41. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
42. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 32. haunt, 33. napalm, 34. wield, 35. creditor, 36. famine, 37. creditor, 38. horrify, 39. provoke, 40. cliché, 41. deem, 42. benign

43. di____b his sleep v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
44. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
45. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
46. pr_____e a disease v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 43. disturb, 44. stigmatize, 45. unsurprising, 46. provoke

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
2. They _____ enormous power and influence.
v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
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