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Session 1: Word List

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone
synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
synonym: snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages
He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

cappuccino

n. an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
synonym: coffee, espresso, latte

(1) **cappuccino** machine, (2) iced **cappuccino**
I ordered a delicious **cappuccino** from the cafe this morning.

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

atrocity

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocity**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocity**

The **atrocity** of the war left many children orphaned.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym: dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

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**.

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.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's

hearts.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

denomination

n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

synonym: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large **denomination** bills.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
2. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
3. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
4. notes of small den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
5. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
6. three-page ha_____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
7. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
8. central ba_____rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
9. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 1. aft, 2. daydreaming, 3. aft, 4. denomination, 5. strangle, 6. handout, 7. daydreaming, 8. banker, 9. atrocity

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| 10. a do_____ll earthquake | <i>n.</i> | a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 11. st_____le a cry | <i>v.</i> | to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea |
| 12. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> | to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 13. fl__ker candle | <i>v.</i> | to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement |
| 14. do_____ll government | <i>n.</i> | a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 15. re_____k a marketing plan | <i>v.</i> | to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 16. fl__k through pages | <i>v.</i> | to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement |
| 17. cap_____ze on an interest | <i>v.</i> | to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something |
| 18. de_____e him of his status | <i>v.</i> | to take away something from someone |
| 19. iced cap_____no | <i>n.</i> | an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top |
| 20. investment ba____r | <i>n.</i> | a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank |

ANSWERS: 10. downfall, 11. strangle, 12. rethink, 13. flick, 14. downfall, 15. rethink, 16. flick, 17. capitalize, 18. deprive, 19. cappuccino, 20. banker

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| 21. plead for ha_____ts | <i>n.</i> giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need |
| 22. a religious den_____ion | <i>n.</i> a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp |
| 23. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 24. und_____ate the probability | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 25. an un_____d story | <i>adj.</i> not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention |
| 26. und_____ate an enemy | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 27. a n__b mind | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 28. n__b with cold | <i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity |
| 29. cold-blooded at_____ty | <i>n.</i> brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 30. de_____e others of profit | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone |
| 31. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word | <i>v.</i> to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something |

ANSWERS: 21. handout, 22. denomination, 23. narrator, 24. underestimate, 25. unheard, 26. underestimate, 27. numb, 28. numb, 29. atrocity, 30. deprive, 31. capitalize

32. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
33. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
34. cap_____no machine *n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
35. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
36. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
37. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
38. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 32. destine, 33. narrator, 34. cappuccino, 35. destine, 36. electrify, 37. unheard, 38. electrify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All those eligible will receive financial _____.
n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
2. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
3. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
4. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
5. I often waste a lot of time _____.
n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
6. I ordered a delicious _____ from the cafe this morning.
n. an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
7. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
8. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 1. handouts, 2. rethink, 3. capitalize, 4. strangle, 5. daydreaming, 6. cappuccino, 7. deprived, 8. destined

9. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
10. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
11. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
12. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
13. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
14. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.
n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
15. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
16. He flashed a fistful of large _____ bills.
n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

ANSWERS: 9. atrocity, 10. narrator, 11. electrify, 12. Bankers, 13. numb, 14. downfall, 15. aft, 16. denomination

17. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

- v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

18. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

- adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

19. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

- v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 17. flicked, 18. unheard, 19. underestimated