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Session 1: Word List

mitzvah

n. (Judaism) a precept or commandment of the Jewish law

(1) the bar **mitzvah** ceremony, (2) bar **mitzvah** boy For Jews, a bar **mitzvah** is an important social event.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) reconsider the determination, (2) reconsider my

transfer

He humbly reconsidered his conduct.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely

choreographed

He had choreographed the dance in this play himself.

chandelier

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be

mounted on ceilings or walls

(1) twinkling chandelier, (2) chandelier-lit room

This room had a **chandelier** glittering with crystals

rudimentary

adj. relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

synonym: essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a rudimentary plant, (2) rudimentary understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a

knife

synonym:

poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

cockroach

 a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym: roach

synonym: whisker

cockroach killer, (2) have a cockroach phobia
 Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

possum

- a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch
- (1) play **possum**, (2) a full grown **possum**Marsupials include koalas, **possums**, and kangaroos.

preconceived

- adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
- (1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success We cannot **envision** her as President.

flourish

- v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully synonym: boom, advance, succeed
- (1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

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The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

synonym: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

lockdown

- an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
- (1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area
 The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger
The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) ware a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

disarray

 n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

synonym: chaos, mess, confusion

fall into disarray, (2) with her clothes in disarray.
 The country's economic policies have led to political disarray.

unfaltering

adj. marked by stability or firm resolution; not shakable synonym: resolute, firm, steadfast

(1) unfaltering commitment, (2) with unfaltering steps

He acted on his unfaltering beliefs.

whisk

- v. to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly synonym: whip, hasten, wipe
- (1) **whisk** flies away, (2) **whisk** people from entrance to exit **Whisk** rapidly until egg whites are foamy.

applause

 a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause** The **applause** burst from the audience.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	a gray muhe	n.	an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
2.	enon the future	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
3.	ste the behavior	ν.	to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
4.	preved opinions	adj.	(of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
5.	recer the determination	<i>v</i> .	to think about a decision or opinion again to
6.	have a coch phobia	n.	a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
7.	choph a stage performance	v.	to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
8.	lown area	n.	an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
9.	round of apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
10.	a full grown pom	n.	a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch

ANSWERS: 1. mustache, 2. envision, 3. stylize, 4. preconceived, 5. reconsider, 6. cockroach, 7. choreograph, 8. lockdown, 9. applause, 10. possum

11. with her clothes in diay.	n.	the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
12. play pom	n.	a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch
13. the bar mih ceremony	n.	(Judaism) a precept or commandment of the Jewish law
14. chaer-lit room	n.	a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
15. rudry understanding	adj.	relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
16. ste the design	v.	to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
17. unfng commitment	adj.	marked by stability or firm resolution; not shakable
18. twinkling chaer	n.	a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
19. bar mih boy	n.	(Judaism) a precept or commandment of the Jewish law
20. a preved notion	adj.	(of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
21. earn apse	n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 11. disarray, 12. possum, 13. mitzvah, 14. chandelier, 15. rudimentary, 16. stylize, 17. unfaltering, 18. chandelier, 19. mitzvah, 20. preconceived, 21. applause

22.	sb in the chest	<i>v</i> .	to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
23.	unh her anger	<i>v</i> .	to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
24.	go on lown	n.	an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
25.	fall into diay	n.	the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
26.	whk people from entrance to exit	<i>v</i> .	to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
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29.	a rudry plant	adj.	relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
30.	flsh economically	<i>v</i> .	to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
31.	ware a goy hat	adj.	silly or foolish
32.	with a goy expression	adj.	silly or foolish
33.	enon the project's success	<i>v</i> .	to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
34.	flsh worldwide	<i>v</i> .	to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 22. stab, 23. unleash, 24. lockdown, 25. disarray, 26. whisk, 27. cockroach, 28. stab, 29. rudimentary, 30. flourish, 31. goofy, 32. goofy, 33. envision, 34. flourish

35.	whk flies away	<i>v</i> .	to move something somewhere suddenly and quickly
36.	exquisitely chophed	ν.	to compose a sequence of dance steps often to music
37.	recer my transfer	ν.	to think about a decision or opinion again to
38.	unh a hound	<i>v</i> .	to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
39.	with unfng steps	adj.	marked by stability or firm resolution; not shakable
40.	big muhe	n.	an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

ANSWERS: 35. whisk, 36. choreograph, 37. reconsider, 38. unleash, 39. unfaltering, 40. mustache

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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1 . n.	The country's economic policies have led to political the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state
70.	characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
2.	This room had a glittering with crystals
n.	a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
3.	For Jews, a bar is an important social event.
n.	(Judaism) a precept or commandment of the Jewish law
4.	He had the dance in this play himself.
ν.	to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
5.	The burst from the audience.
n.	a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
6.	The general was still reluctant to his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
<i>v</i> .	to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
7.	He was many times with scissors.
ν.	to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
8.	Marsupials include koalas, and kangaroos.
n.	a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch
9.	The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide measure.
n.	an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

ANSWERS: 1. disarray, 2. chandelier, 3. mitzvah, 4. choreographed, 5. applause, 6.

unleash, 7. stabbed, 8. possums, 9. lockdown

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- 20. We cannot _____ her as President.
 - v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 19. reconsidered, 20. envision