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Session 1: Word List

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym: educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

immoral

adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

synonym: unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

emancipate

v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

synonym: liberate, free, release

(1) **emancipate** a slave, (2) **emancipate** him from anxiety

The organization works to **emancipate** people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

exterminate

v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

synonym: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

peacetime

n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

synonym: peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

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.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

overrule

v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

synonym: override, countermand, supersede

(1) **overrule** decision, (2) **overrule** judgment

The judge **overruled** the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.

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.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

overreach

v. to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard

synonym: exceed, surpass, outdo

(1) **overreach** a goal, (2) **overreach** in her attempt

The company's ambition to **overreach** and expand too quickly led to its downfall.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

forbidding

adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

synonym: intimidating, uninviting, daunting

(1) **forbidding** atmosphere, (2) **forbidding** mountain

The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel **forbidding** to the students.

importation

n. the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country

synonym: import, importing

(1) illegal **importation**, (2) **importation** certificate

His clothing is a recent **importation** from France.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

indefensible

adj. unable to be protected or justified from criticism

synonym: untenable, unjustifiable, unsupportable

(1) logically **indefensible**, (2) **indefensible** argument

The argument was **indefensible**, and the judge dismissed it.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____e poor peasants
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
2. logically ind_____ble
adj. unable to be protected or justified from criticism
3. p__e a smoother road
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
4. in____t ancestral property
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
5. illegal imp_____on
n. the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country
6. allied di____at
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
7. politically im____l
adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
8. ab____h censorship
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
9. for_____ng mountain
adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
10. p__e a new path
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 1. enslave, 2. indefensible, 3. pave, 4. inherit, 5. importation, 6. diplomat, 7. immoral, 8. abolish, 9. forbidding, 10. pave

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| 11. du____s credibility | <i>adj.</i> having doubts or reservations; uncertain |
| 12. ext_____te communism | <i>v.</i> to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds |
| 13. up____d the law | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 14. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 15. ass_____te into society | <i>v.</i> to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate |
| 16. ind_____ble argument | <i>adj.</i> unable to be protected or justified from criticism |
| 17. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 18. pe_____me era | <i>n.</i> the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war |
| 19. unc_____nal violation | <i>adj.</i> not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state |
| 20. de_____ce a statement | <i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone |
| 21. ema_____te a slave | <i>v.</i> to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate |
| 22. fo_____ly taken into a car | <i>adv.</i> done by physical power or violence; against someone's will |
| 23. ov_____le decision | <i>v.</i> to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action |

ANSWERS: 11. dubious, 12. exterminate, 13. uphold, 14. elector, 15. assimilate, 16. indefensible, 17. intellect, 18. peacetime, 19. unconstitutional, 20. denounce, 21. emancipate, 22. forcibly, 23. overrule

24. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
25. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
26. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
27. pe_____me treaty *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
28. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
29. de_____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
30. ov_____ch in her attempt *v.* to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard
31. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
32. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
33. ov_____ch a goal *v.* to reach too far or beyond one's limits; to fail by aiming too high or trying too hard
34. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
35. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

ANSWERS: 24. overturn, 25. deem, 26. enslave, 27. peacetime, 28. condemn, 29. denounce, 30. overreach, 31. diplomat, 32. deem, 33. overreach, 34. assimilate, 35. condemn

36. ab____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
37. ov____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
38. ext____te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
39. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
40. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
41. ov____le judgment *v.* to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action
42. ou____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
43. enl____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
44. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
45. imp____on certificate *n.* the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country
46. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
47. ou____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
48. im____l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

ANSWERS: 36. abolish, 37. overturn, 38. exterminate, 39. intellect, 40. unconstitutional, 41. overrule, 42. outweigh, 43. enlightened, 44. uphold, 45. importation, 46. elector, 47. outweigh, 48. immoral

49. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
50. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
51. direct a du_____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
52. ema_____te him from anxiety *v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
53. fo_____ng atmosphere *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
54. fo_____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

ANSWERS: 49. enlightened, 50. inherit, 51. dubious, 52. emancipate, 53. forbidding, 54. forcibly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

2. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

3. The judge _____ the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.
v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

4. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

5. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

6. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

7. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

ANSWERS: 1. diplomat, 2. abolish, 3. overruled, 4. paved, 5. uphold, 6. forcibly, 7. enlightened

8. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
9. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
10. The court _____ the original verdict.
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15. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.
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ANSWERS: 8. inherited, 9. enslaved, 10. overturned, 11. forbidding, 12. intellect, 13. immoral, 14. peacetime, 15. dubious

16. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
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17. The law was determined to be _____ by the court.
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18. The government _____ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
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19. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
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v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
21. His clothing is a recent _____ from France.
n. the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country
22. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
23. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
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ANSWERS: 16. deemed, 17. unconstitutional, 18. exterminated, 19. outweigh, 20. assimilate, 21. importation, 22. elector, 23. condemned, 24. overreach

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ANSWERS: 25. emancipate, 26. denounced, 27. indefensible,