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Session 1: Word List

- ark** *n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods
synonym : boat, vessel, ship
(1) start building an **ark**, (2) **ark** of salvation
According to the story, Noah and his family were the only flood survivors, as they were on the **ark**.
- loot** *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
synonym : plunder, pillage, rob
(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**
The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- commandment** *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
synonym : law, edict, precept
(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**
He was punished because he contravened a **commandment**

of God.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym: cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

zealot

n. a person who has extreme opinions about something, especially religion or politics

synonym: enthusiast, crusader, extremist

(1) religious **zealot**, (2) militant **zealot**

The recent presidential elections caused a great deal of excitement among political **zealots**.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym: rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

wail

v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

synonym: moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

Session 2: Spelling

1. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
2. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
3. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
4. re__t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
5. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
6. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
7. a_k of salvation *n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods
8. militant ze__t *n.* a person who has extreme opinions about something, especially religion or politics

ANSWERS: 1. exile, 2. rebellion, 3. loot, 4. revolt, 5. sect, 6. diaspora, 7. ark, 8. zealot

9. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
10. pi___m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
11. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
12. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
13. re___t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
14. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
15. ex___e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
16. religious ze___t *n.* a person who has extreme opinions about something, especially religion or politics
17. a religious com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
18. w___l in pain *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
19. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 9. mosque, 10. pilgrim, 11. mosque, 12. rebellion, 13. revolt, 14. circumcise, 15. exile, 16. zealot, 17. commandment, 18. wail, 19. diaspora

20. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
21. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
22. cir_____se a newborn *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
23. violate a com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
24. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
25. w__l in sorrow *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
26. start building an a_k *n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods

ANSWERS: 20. pilgrim, 21. sect, 22. circumcise, 23. commandment, 24. loot, 25. wail, 26. ark

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
2. It is common in some cultures to _____ infant boys as a rite of passage.
v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
3. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
4. The recent presidential elections caused a great deal of excitement among political _____.
n. a person who has extreme opinions about something, especially religion or politics
5. According to the story, Noah and his family were the only flood survivors, as they were on the _____.
n. (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods
6. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
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7. The baby _____ loudly, signaling its hunger.
v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

ANSWERS: 1. diaspora, 2. circumcise, 3. rebellion, 4. zealots, 5. ark, 6. Mosque, 7. wailed

8. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
9. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
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12. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
- n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
13. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 8. commandment, 9. sect, 10. looted, 11. pilgrims, 12. revolt, 13. exiled