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Session 1: Word List

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

heresy

n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

synonym: dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

sporadic

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

synonym: occasional, irregular, unpredictable

(1) **sporadic** outbreaks, (2) **sporadic** attempts

The rain was falling in **sporadic** bursts.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

feudal

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

synonym: medieval, feudalistic, aristocratic

(1) a **feudal** lord, (2) **feudal** dictatorship

Lords and serfs characterized the **feudal** system of medieval Europe.

baron

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

synonym: nobleman, lord, peer

(1) media **baron**, (2) the domain of a **baron**

The **baron's** castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

synonym: loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

inbred

adj. having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits

synonym: innate, hereditary, inborn

(1) **inbred** line, (2) **inbred** behavior

The **inbred** strain of roses was weaker and less disease-resistant.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
synonym: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

Session 2: Spelling

1. exploited pe____t
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
2. fa_____te the public
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
3. sp____ic outbreaks
adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
4. tr__p card
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
5. member of the ari_____cy
n. a group of persons with high social status
6. ast_____ng achievement
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
7. ki____p ties
n. the state or fact of being related to someone
8. make ast_____ng gains
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
9. sp____ic attempts
adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
10. the suppression of he____y
n. an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
11. ov____rn a decision
v. to turn something upside down; to upset

ANSWERS: 1. peasant, 2. fascinate, 3. sporadic, 4. trump, 5. aristocracy, 6. astonishing, 7. kinship, 8. astonishing, 9. sporadic, 10. heresy, 11. overturn

12. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
13. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
14. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
15. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
16. fe___l dictatorship *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
17. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
18. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
19. persecution for he___y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
20. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
21. in___d behavior *adj.* having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits
22. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 12. xenophobia, 13. greedy, 14. monarch, 15. courageous, 16. feudal, 17. overturn, 18. kinship, 19. heresy, 20. nationalist, 21. inbred, 22. trump

23. media ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
24. family em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
25. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
26. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
27. a national em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
28. in___d line *adj.* having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits
29. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
30. pe_____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
31. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
32. the domain of a ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
33. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

ANSWERS: 23. baron, 24. emblem, 25. patriotic, 26. patriotism, 27. emblem, 28. inbred, 29. convict, 30. peasant, 31. greedy, 32. baron, 33. xenophobia

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41. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
42. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
43. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 34. patriotism, 35. monarch, 36. courageous, 37. feudal, 38. aristocracy, 39. patriotic, 40. nationalist, 41. Catholic, 42. convict, 43. Catholic

44. fa_____te the young

v. to attract and hold the attention of
someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 44. fascinate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ strain of roses was weaker and less disease-resistant.
adj. having or showing traits or characteristics that have developed as a result of long-standing habits or inherited traits
2. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country
3. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
4. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.
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n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
6. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.
n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
7. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.
n. a group of persons with high social status
8. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

ANSWERS: 1. inbred, 2. patriotism, 3. convicted, 4. kinship, 5. trump, 6. monarch, 7. aristocracy, 8. xenophobia

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17. The doctrine was considered _____ by the mainstream church.

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ANSWERS: 9. overturned, 10. feudal, 11. baron's, 12. emblem, 13. fascinated, 14. catholic, 15. astonishing, 16. courageous, 17. heresy

18. He was wearing a _____ T-shirt with the American flag on it.

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ANSWERS: 18. patriotic, 19. nationalist, 20. greedy, 21. peasant, 22. sporadic