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Session 1: Word List

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

homeschooling

n. the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians

synonym : home education, homeschool instruction, unschooling

(1) **homeschooling** curriculum, (2) **homeschooling** resources

Due to the pandemic, many parents have turned to **homeschooling** to ensure their child's education.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

downshift

v. to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle

(1) economic **downshift**, (2) make a little **downshift** in your work

As credit becomes scarce and education and healthcare costs rise, millions of middle-class Americans have to **downshift**.

barnstorm

v. to travel quickly through an area and make political speeches to gain people's votes, support, attention, etc.

synonym: campaign, tour

(1) **barnstorm** the state, (2) plan to **barnstorm**

The candidates are busy **barnstorming** throughout the country this month.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

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.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym : anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

ramification

n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

synonym : fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**

The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

tenet

n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

synonym: dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

zookeeper

n. a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals

(1) **zookeeper** and marine mammal trainer, (2) head of the **zookeeper**

Positions as a **zookeeper** or marine mammal trainer need formal education.

attrition

n. a process of weakening someone or something, especially an enemy, by continuously attacking or causing issues for them

synonym: corrosion, decay, erosion

(1) a war of **attrition**, (2) high **attrition** rates

They are attempting to prevent the **attrition** of their rights.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr_____e a reaction | v. | to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 2. ind_____ized textile production | v. | to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 3. he is ob___sed with the fear | v. | to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. the threats te_____y him | v. | to frighten someone very much |
| 6. family bre_____er | n. | the member of a family who earns money to support the others |
| 7. head of the zo_____er | n. | a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals |
| 8. re_____le a dispute | v. | to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |
| 9. hom_____ing curriculum | n. | the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians |
| 10. sen_____al damage | adj. | connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism |

ANSWERS: 1. provoke, 2. industrialize, 3. obsess, 4. sect, 5. terrify, 6. breadwinner, 7. zookeeper, 8. reconcile, 9. homeschooling, 10. sentimental

11. no_____y identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
12. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
13. welfare ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
14. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
15. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
16. no_____y gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
17. 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
18. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
19. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
20. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 11. nonbinary, 12. moth, 13. caretaker, 14. obsess, 15. terrify, 16. nonbinary, 17. sect, 18. creditor, 19. innovate, 20. woe

21. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
22. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
23. zo_____er and marine mammal trainer *n.* a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals
24. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
25. the role of ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
26. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
27. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
28. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
29. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
30. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others

ANSWERS: 21. policymaker, 22. sentimental, 23. zookeeper, 24. hustle, 25. caretaker, 26. subsidize, 27. moth, 28. woe, 29. contemplate, 30. breadwinner

31. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
32. high at _____on rates *n.* a process of weakening someone or something, especially an enemy, by continuously attacking or causing issues for them
33. make a little do _____ft in your work *v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle
34. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
35. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
36. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
37. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
38. hu___e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
39. economic do _____ft *v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle

ANSWERS: 31. innovate, 32. attrition, 33. downshift, 34. contemplate, 35. subsidize, 36. industrialize, 37. empathy, 38. hustle, 39. downshift

40. plan to ba_____rm *v.* to travel quickly through an area and make political speeches to gain people's votes, support, attention, etc.
41. ba_____rm the state *v.* to travel quickly through an area and make political speeches to gain people's votes, support, attention, etc.
42. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. ram_____ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
44. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
45. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
46. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
47. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
48. political ram_____ion *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
49. hom_____ing resources *n.* the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 40. barnstorm, 41. barnstorm, 42. opportune, 43. ramification, 44. policymaker, 45. reconcile, 46. creditor, 47. empathy, 48. ramification, 49. homeschooling

50. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
51. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
52. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
53. a war of at____on *n.* a process of weakening someone or something, especially an enemy, by continuously attacking or causing issues for them
54. basic te__ts *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
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56. a fundamental te__t of Judaism *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

ANSWERS: 50. provoke, 51. pandemic, 52. pandemic, 53. attrition, 54. tenet, 55. opportune, 56. tenet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many women are now their families' primary _____.
n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others
2. The court's decision had many unforeseen _____.
n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
3. Due to the pandemic, many parents have turned to _____ to ensure their child's education.
n. the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians
4. 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
5. This section explains a central _____ of economics.
n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
6. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
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ANSWERS: 1. breadwinners, 2. ramifications, 3. homeschooling, 4. sect, 5. tenet, 6. terrify, 7. contemplated, 8. hustle

9. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.

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11. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

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16. Positions as a _____ or marine mammal trainer need formal education.

n. a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals

ANSWERS: 9. nonbinary, 10. obsessed, 11. industrialize, 12. moth, 13. innovate, 14. woes, 15. Empathy, 16. zookeeper

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18. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
19. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
20. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
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21. He acted as a _____ until a new president was elected.
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ANSWERS: 17. barnstorming, 18. creditor, 19. Policymakers, 20. subsidize, 21. caretaker, 22. provoked, 23. pandemic, 24. opportune

25. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

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26. They are attempting to prevent the _____ of their rights.

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v. to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle

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v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

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