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## Session 1: Word List

### sanction

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

### displace

*v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym* : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

### languish

*v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

*synonym* : flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness

He continues to **languish** in prison.

## suffocate

*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

*synonym* : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

## bureaucracy

*n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

*synonym* : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## shepherd

*n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

*synonym* : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## smuggle

*v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country  
He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

## limbo

*n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

*synonym*: purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

(1) left in **limbo**, (2) **limbo** period

Her career was in **limbo** as she waited for a job offer.

## illuminate

*v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

*synonym*: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

## 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.

## reunification

*n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts

*synonym*: integration, consolidation, reuniting

(1) **reunification** talks, (2) family **reunification**

The **reunification** of the two countries was celebrated with great joy.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in

flocks.

## traitor

*n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

*synonym*: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

## reunite

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym*: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## lifesaving

*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

## assassination

*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

*synonym*: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

## backlog

*n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

*synonym* : accumulation, pile-up, logjam

(1) **backlog** of work, (2) data **backlog**

The company needed help to keep up with the **backlog** of orders.

## evacuate

*v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

*synonym* : empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym* : enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## advantageous

*adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

*synonym* : beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

## demonize

v. to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them

*synonym*: vilify, condemn, defame

(1) **demonize** opponent, (2) **demonize** sugar

Some politicians try to **demonize** certain groups of people to gain political advantage.

## migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

*synonym*: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

## politicize

v. to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion

*synonym*: politize, exploit, manipulate

(1) **politicize** climate change, (2) **politicize** a tragedy

I wish people would stop trying to **politicize** fundamental human rights issues.

## orderly

adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

*synonym*: tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner

The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

## dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

*synonym*: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## tenacity

*n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

*synonym*: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

## bravery

*n.* courage in the face of danger

*synonym*: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. li\_\_o period *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
2. ill\_\_\_\_\_te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
3. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
4. adv\_\_\_\_\_ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
5. sh\_\_\_\_\_rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
6. ev\_\_\_\_\_te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
7. data ba\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
8. lif\_\_\_\_\_ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
9. pol\_\_\_\_\_ze climate change *v.* to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion

ANSWERS: 1. limbo, 2. illuminate, 3. sanction, 4. advantageous, 5. shepherd, 6. evacuate, 7. backlog, 8. lifesaving, 9. politicize



10. pol\_\_\_\_\_ze a tragedy *v.* to make something political or to involve it in politics, often for personal or ideological gain or to influence public opinion
11. personality tr\_\_ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
12. br\_\_\_\_\_y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
13. em\_\_\_\_y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
14. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. notorious tr\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
16. or\_\_\_\_\_y and fair market *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
17. ev\_\_\_\_\_te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
18. sm\_\_\_\_\_e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
19. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 10. politicize, 11. trait, 12. bravery, 13. embody, 14. industrious, 15. traitor, 16. orderly, 17. evacuate, 18. smuggle, 19. germ

20. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend      *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
21. lon\_\_\_\_\_ing battery      *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
22. the movement of mi\_\_\_\_\_t birds      *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
23. or\_\_\_\_\_y manner      *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
24. de\_\_\_\_\_ze opponent      *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
25. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
26. br\_\_\_\_\_y under fire      *n.* courage in the face of danger
27. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. failed ass\_\_\_\_\_ion attempt      *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
29. family reu\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
30. a computer n\_\_d      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. reunite, 21. long-lasting, 22. migrant, 23. orderly, 24. demonize, 25. determinant, 26. bravery, 27. industrious, 28. assassination, 29. reunification, 30. nerd

31. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
32. left in li\_\_o      *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things
33. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. di\_\_\_\_\_y the occasion      *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
35. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. sheep without a sh\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
37. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a dark hall      *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
38. su\_\_\_\_\_te fire      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
39. mi\_\_\_\_\_t worker      *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

ANSWERS: 31. suffocate, 32. limbo, 33. empower, 34. dignify, 35. determinant, 36. shepherd, 37. illuminate, 38. suffocate, 39. migrant

40. la\_\_\_\_\_sh under illness      *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
41. di\_\_\_\_\_ce workers      *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
42. de\_\_\_\_\_ze sugar      *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
43. ass\_\_\_\_\_ion plot      *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
44. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
45. te\_\_\_\_\_ty of purpose      *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
46. lif\_\_\_\_\_ng device      *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
47. em\_\_\_\_\_y my goal      *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
48. n\_\_d neck      *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. languish, 41. displace, 42. demonize, 43. assassination, 44. sanction, 45. tenacity, 46. lifesaving, 47. embody, 48. nerd

49. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. government bur\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
51. di\_\_\_\_\_y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
52. re\_\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
53. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
54. adv\_\_\_\_\_ous interest rate *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
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58. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 49. opportune, 50. bureaucracy, 51. dignify, 52. reunite, 53. germ, 54. advantageous, 55. long-lasting, 56. backlog, 57. smuggle, 58. trait

59. reu\_\_\_\_\_ion talks *n.* the act of bringing something back together; the reuniting of previously separated parts
60. show te\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
61. arbitrary bur\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
62. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
63. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. di\_\_\_\_\_ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
65. la\_\_\_\_\_sh for lack of funding *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
66. political tr\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 59. reunification, 60. tenacity, 61. bureaucracy, 62. empower, 63. opportune, 64. displace, 65. languish, 66. traitor

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The patient needs a \_\_\_\_\_ transplant operation.
  - n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
  
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  - n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
  
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ANSWERS: 1. lifesaving, 2. migrant, 3. nerd, 4. demonize, 5. backlog, 6. limbo, 7. empowered



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ANSWERS: 16. traitor, 17. evacuate, 18. reunification, 19. opportune, 20. embody, 21. germ, 22. long-lasting, 23. advantageous

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ANSWERS: 24. bravery, 25. bureaucracy, 26. politicize, 27. languish, 28. shepherd's, 29. determinant, 30. dignify, 31. smuggle

32. That biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanism of heredity.

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ANSWERS: 32. illuminated, 33. industrious