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Session 1: Word List

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

compatriot

n. a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values

synonym: fellow citizen, national, associate

(1) **compatriot** soldier, (2) fellow **compatriot**

My soccer team played against my **compatriot's** team in the local tournament.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

sickle

n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

synonym: scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

stagger

v. to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

synonym: lurch, falter, astound

(1) **stagger** and nearly fall, (2) **stagger** downstairs

The malicious criticism did not **stagger** his resolution.

disintegrate

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

synonym: shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym: second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

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.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym: slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

elf

n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers

synonym: sprite, pixie, faerie

(1) mischievous **elf**, (2) helpful **elf**

I dressed up as an **elf** for the Christmas party.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a

planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym : affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

synonym :

pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

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.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym: confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
2. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
3. st_____r downstairs *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
4. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
5. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
6. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
7. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
8. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 1. fable, 2. rubble, 3. stagger, 4. pact, 5. catastrophe, 6. diplomacy, 7. geopolitical, 8. underestimate

9. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
10. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
11. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
12. dis_____ate in an explosion *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
13. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
14. fellow com_____ot *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
15. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
16. lie_____nt general *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

ANSWERS: 9. slogan, 10. geopolitical, 11. subtitle, 12. disintegrate, 13. determinant, 14. compatriot, 15. grandchild, 16. lieutenant

17. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
18. 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
19. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
20. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
21. mischievous e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
22. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
23. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
24. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
25. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
26. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

ANSWERS: 17. pact, 18. determinant, 19. exile, 20. congressperson, 21. elf, 22. apathy, 23. confer, 24. paradox, 25. confer, 26. craze

27. chart su____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
28. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
29. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
30. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
31. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
32. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
33. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
34. ma____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
35. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 27. subtitle, 28. apathy, 29. invade, 30. dictator, 31. dwarf, 32. grandchild, 33. bury, 34. massacre, 35. tempt

36. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
37. helpful e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
38. ap_____e hunger *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
39. mu____e the instructions *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
40. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
41. second lie_____nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
42. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
43. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
44. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
45. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 36. dissident, 37. elf, 38. appease, 39. muddle, 40. wrongdoing, 41. lieutenant, 42. underestimate, 43. dictator, 44. tyranny, 45. catastrophe

46. co____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
47. animal ma____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
48. fitness cr__e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
49. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
50. si____e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
51. di____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
52. ap____e her fears *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
53. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
54. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 46. colonel, 47. massacre, 48. craze, 49. bury, 50. sickle, 51. dissident, 52. appease, 53. congressperson, 54. exile

55. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
56. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
57. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
58. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
59. st_____r and nearly fall *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
60. com_____ot soldier *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
61. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
62. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
63. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
64. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 55. hesitation, 56. paradox, 57. wrongdoing, 58. muddle, 59. stagger, 60. compatriot, 61. tyranny, 62. envelop, 63. envelop, 64. tempt

65. dis_____ate over time *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
66. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
67. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
68. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
69. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
70. brevet co_____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
71. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
72. a potted dw___f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
73. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 65. disintegrate, 66. pretension, 67. invade, 68. hesitation, 69. diplomacy, 70. colonel, 71. slogan, 72. dwarf, 73. pretension

74. harvest si___e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
75. moralize a fa___e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
76. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
77. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
78. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 74. sickle, 75. fable, 76. firsthand, 77. rubble, 78. firsthand

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
2. The vase _____ into pieces when it fell to the ground.
v. break or cause to break into small fragments
3. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
4. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.
v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
5. There was a _____ in her speech.
n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
6. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
7. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
8. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

ANSWERS: 1. grandchild, 2. disintegrated, 3. catastrophe, 4. appease, 5. hesitation, 6. tempted, 7. apathy, 8. pact

9. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
- n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
10. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
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- n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
15. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 9. dwarf, 10. underestimated, 11. massacre, 12. rubble, 13. pretensions, 14. compatriot's, 15. paradox

16. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. The malicious criticism did not _____ his resolution.
- v. to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
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- v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
19. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
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- n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
21. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.
- n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
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- n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
23. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.
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ANSWERS: 16. confer, 17. stagger, 18. enveloped, 19. slogans, 20. dictator, 21. lieutenant, 22. diplomacy, 23. dissident

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ANSWERS: 24. exiled, 25. determinant, 26. geopolitical, 27. congressperson, 28. tyranny, 29. craze, 30. fable

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- n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
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- n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
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38. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 31. invade, 32. colonel, 33. sickle, 34. muddled, 35. elf, 36. wrongdoing, 37. subtitles, 38. firsthand

39. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 39. bury