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Session 1: Word List

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym: worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

meek

adj. showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential

synonym : humble, modest, mild

(1) **meek** personality, (2) **meek** acceptance

The **meek** employee was often overlooked for promotions despite his hard work.

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.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

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.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

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.

obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

synonym: compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

Session 2: Spelling

1. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
2. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
3. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
4. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
5. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
6. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
7. pa_____ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
8. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
10. grow to be ob_____nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 1. consciously, 2. hinder, 3. hinder, 4. discredit, 5. stubborn, 6. stereotype, 7. patriotic, 8. industrious, 9. diligent, 10. obedient

11. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
12. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
13. m__k personality *adj.* showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential
14. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
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. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
17. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
18. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
19. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 11. consciously, 12. incarcerate, 13. meek, 14. incarceration, 15. traitor, 16. overlook, 17. materialistic, 18. overlook, 19. instruct

20. in_____ct a computer
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
21. ob_____nt dog
adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
22. op_____s the minority
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
23. st_____rn attitude
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
24. mass inc_____ion
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
25. status q_o politician
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
26. negative ste_____pes
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
27. mat_____tic lifestyle
adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
28. 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: 20. instruct, 21. obedient, 22. oppress, 23. stubborn, 24. incarceration, 25. quo, 26. stereotype, 27. materialistic, 28. traitor

29. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
30. m__k acceptance *adj.* showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential
31. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
32. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
33. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
34. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
35. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 29. incarcerate, 30. meek, 31. diligent, 32. patriotic, 33. quo, 34. oppress, 35. industrious, 36. discredit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. meek, 3. oppressed, 4. incarcerated, 5. traitor, 6. obedient, 7. overlook

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14. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
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ANSWERS: 8. discredited, 9. patriotic, 10. stubborn, 11. incarceration, 12. materialistic, 13. quo, 14. instructed

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16. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

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n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

18. The _____ detective investigated all clues.

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

ANSWERS: 15. hindered, 16. consciously, 17. stereotypes, 18. diligent