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Session 1: Word List

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics
Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

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**.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym: hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**
I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies

synonym: movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**
The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind
The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**
The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

synonym: male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ca_____te public sentiment | v. | to attract and hold the attention or interest of |
| 2. forest fir_____er | n. | a person whose job is to extinguish fires |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. q_o warranto | n. | the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 6. 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 |
| 7. el_____fy a manufacturing process | v. | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 8. commit at_____ty | n. | brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 9. non-fiction fi_____er | n. | a person who makes films, typically as a profession |

ANSWERS: 1. captivate, 2. firefighter, 3. germ, 4. stereotype, 5. quo, 6. germ, 7. electrify, 8. atrocity, 9. filmmaker

10. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
12. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
13. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. candle la_____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
15. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
16. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
17. a la_____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
18. fil_____ng industry *n.* the process or art of making movies
19. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

ANSWERS: 10. electrify, 11. defy, 12. superhero, 13. industrious, 14. lantern, 15. filmmaker, 16. patriarchy, 17. lantern, 18. filmmaking, 19. industrious, 20. pastime

21. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
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27. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
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29. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
30. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies

ANSWERS: 21. dictator, 22. stereotype, 23. dictator, 24. quo, 25. patriarchy, 26. superhero, 27. firefighter, 28. pastime, 29. atrocity, 30. filmmaking

31. d__y gravity

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

32. ca_____te the mind

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

ANSWERS: 31. defy, 32. captivate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She tried to ____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
 - v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

2. The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle _____ society and promote gender equality.
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7. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
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ANSWERS: 1. defy, 2. patriarchy, 3. germ, 4. industrious, 5. lantern, 6. electrify, 7. stereotypes

8. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
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- n.* the process or art of making movies
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- n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
15. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
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ANSWERS: 8. dictator, 9. filmmaking, 10. firefighter, 11. pastime, 12. captivated, 13. filmmaker, 14. atrocity, 15. quo, 16. superhero

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