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## Session 1: Word List

### totalitarian

*adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

*synonym*: dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

### stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym*: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

### 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.

## 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**.

## allude

*v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly

*synonym* : imply, indicate, hint

(1) **allude** to his low origin, (2) **allude** to the planning  
He **alluded** to the problem but did not mention it directly.

## heartbeat

*n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

*synonym* : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**  
New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

## nuisance

*n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

*synonym* : bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

## barometer

*n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

*synonym* : indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym* :

destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination  
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## inoculate

*v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

*synonym* : vaccinate, immunize, protect

(1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus

The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.

## skepticism

*n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

*synonym* : distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

## muse

*n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

*synonym* : source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

## paleolithic

*adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology

(1) **paleolithic** cave painting, (2) the **Paleolithic** era

The scientist found **paleolithic** artifacts in the historic site.

## emperor

*n.* the male ruler of an empire

*synonym*: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

## swine

*n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

*synonym*: pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

## federate

*v.* to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests

*synonym*: unite, join, ally

(1) **federate** global network, (2) **federate** labor unions

The countries decided to **federate** to gain more political power.

## mascot

*n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

*synonym*: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

## sustenance

*n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

*synonym*: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

## posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym* : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## disdain

v. to look down on

*synonym* : scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

## confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym* : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym* : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## 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.

## seep

*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually  
*synonym*: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper  
The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

## imprison

*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement  
*synonym*: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room  
He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

## penal

*adj.* relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions  
*synonym*: punitive, disciplinary, corrective

(1) **penal** code, (2) **penal** system  
He received a **penal** sentence for his crimes and was sentenced to years in prison.

## 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.

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere  
*synonym*: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training  
The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking

on the space mission.

## **diaspora**

*n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

*synonym*: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

## **inhumane**

*adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain

*synonym*: cruel, brutal, barbaric

(1) **inhumane** forms of punishment, (2) **inhumane** living conditions

The conditions at the factory were deemed **inhumane** and caused outrage among the public.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit  
*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
2. r\_v up the crowd  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
3. former em\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* the male ruler of an empire
4. low-r\_v engine  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
5. al\_\_\_e to his low origin  
*v.* to suggest or make reference to something indirectly
6. s\_\_p cool and moist air  
*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
7. s\_\_p into paper  
*v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
8. pe\_\_l code  
*adj.* relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions
9. m\_\_e inspiration  
*n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

ANSWERS: 1. eradicate, 2. rev, 3. emperor, 4. rev, 5. allude, 6. seep, 7. seep, 8. penal, 9. muse



10. creative m\_\_e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
11. military di\_\_\_\_or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
12. a pounding he\_\_\_\_at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
13. im\_\_\_\_on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
14. em\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
15. tot\_\_\_\_ian state *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
16. nu\_\_\_\_ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
17. mo\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
18. po\_\_t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 10. muse, 11. dictator, 12. heartbeat, 13. imprison, 14. empower, 15. totalitarian, 16. nuisance, 17. mourning, 18. posit



30. st\_\_\_\_\_ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
31. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. violent con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
33. scanty sus\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
34. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
35. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
36. autistic st\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
37. ske\_\_\_\_\_sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 30. stimming, 31. opportune, 32. confrontation, 33. sustenance, 34. sentimental, 35. mourning, 36. stimming, 37. skepticism

38. nu\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
39. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
40. he\_\_\_\_\_at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
41. in\_\_\_\_\_ne living conditions *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
42. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
43. air pressure ba\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
44. di\_\_\_\_\_n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
45. corporate ma\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
46. fe\_\_\_\_\_te global network *v.* to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests

ANSWERS: 38. nuanced, 39. sentimental, 40. heartbeat, 41. inhumane, 42. eradicate, 43. barometer, 44. disdain, 45. mascot, 46. federate

47. im\_\_\_\_\_on illegal immigrant      *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
48. in\_\_\_\_\_ne forms of punishment      *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
49. fe\_\_\_\_\_te labor unions      *v.* to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests
50. verbal con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
51. sus\_\_\_\_\_ce allowance      *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
52. di\_\_\_\_\_n the policemen      *v.* to look down on
53. economic ba\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
54. sw\_\_\_e industry      *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
55. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion      *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
56. 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

ANSWERS: 47. imprison, 48. inhumane, 49. federate, 50. confrontation, 51. sustenance, 52. disdain, 53. barometer, 54. swine, 55. nuanced, 56. dictator

57. di\_\_\_\_ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
58. sw\_\_e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
59. the Pal\_\_\_\_ic era *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
60. traffic nu\_\_\_\_ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
61. pe\_\_l system *adj.* relating to punishment or penalties for breaking laws or rules; punitive; pertaining to the imposition of legal sanctions
62. team ma\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
63. in\_\_\_\_te against disease *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
64. in\_\_\_\_te with a virus *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

ANSWERS: 57. diaspora, 58. swine, 59. paleolithic, 60. nuisance, 61. penal, 62. mascot, 63. inoculate, 64. inoculate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her \_\_\_\_\_ to strike.  
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3. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.  
*v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
  
4. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.  
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5. The countries decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to gain more political power.  
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6. The farmer raises \_\_\_\_\_ on his farm for the market.  
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ANSWERS: 1. muse, 2. mourning, 3. imprisoned, 4. sentimental, 5. federate, 6. swine, 7. skepticism

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*n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

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ANSWERS: 24. empowered, 25. nuanced, 26. heartbeat, 27. astronaut, 28. paleolithic, 29. nuisance, 30. inhumane, 31. confrontation

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