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Session 1: Word List

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

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.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym: decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

indenture

n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service

synonym: contract, covenant, agreement

(1) **indenture** agreement, (2) legal **indenture**

The legal contract included an **indenture** that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.

servitude

n. the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience

synonym: bondage, slavery, subjugation

(1) **servitude** system, (2) mental **servitude**

The practice of forcing people into **servitude** is now illegal in many countries.

abolitionist

n. a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

synonym: antislavery activist, emancipator, liberator

(1) slavery **abolitionist**, (2) women's rights **abolitionist**

Harriet Tubman was a well-known **abolitionist** who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve
Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator
A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

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.

narrowcast

v. to transmit a message or content to a specific or limited audience rather than broadcasting it to a broad or general audience

(1) **narrowcast** content, (2) **narrowcast** advertising campaign

We need to **narrowcast** our message to a specific audience to ensure it reaches the right people.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

cardinal

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

synonym: bishop, archbishop, carmine

(1) **cardinal** rule, (2) **cardinal** red

The **cardinal's** robes were made of rich red silk.

quibble

v. to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something

synonym: argue, nitpick, criticize

(1) **quibble** about the price, (2) **quibble** with his statement
We shouldn't **quibble** over small details and lose sight of the bigger picture.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**
In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship
They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**
We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

forefather

n. a person from an earlier generation who is considered to be an ancestor or predecessor, especially one who is

admired or respected for their achievements or qualities

synonym: ancestor, progenitor, forebear

(1) the **forefather** of the nation, (2) the **forefather** of modern physics

The legacy of our **forefathers** has left us with a rich history to be proud of.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

1. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
2. 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
3. slavery abo______ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
4. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
5. women's rights abo______ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
6. dielectric pol______ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
7. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
8. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. germ, 3. abolitionist, 4. explode, 5. abolitionist, 6. polarization, 7. revive, 8. papal

9. ap_____e hunger *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
10. qu_____e about the price *v.* to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something
11. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
12. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
13. nar_____st advertising campaign *v.* to transmit a message or content to a specific or limited audience rather than broadcasting it to a broad or general audience
14. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
15. in_____re agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
16. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 9. appease, 10. quibble, 11. polarization, 12. empathy, 13. narrowcast, 14. tweet, 15. indenture, 16. empathy

17. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
18. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
19. false acc____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
20. 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
21. be___d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
22. be___d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
23. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
24. 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
25. li____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
26. the for____er of the nation *n.* a person from an earlier generation who is considered to be an ancestor or predecessor, especially one who is admired or respected for their achievements or qualities

ANSWERS: 17. trench, 18. ancestor, 19. accusation, 20. appease, 21. behead, 22. behead, 23. revive, 24. germ, 25. lifespan, 26. forefather

27. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
28. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
29. legal in_____re *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
30. the for_____er of modern physics *n.* a person from an earlier generation who is considered to be an ancestor or predecessor, especially one who is admired or respected for their achievements or qualities
31. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
32. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
33. se_____de system *n.* the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience
34. deep-sea tr____h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 27. accusation, 28. explode, 29. indenture, 30. forefather, 31. quitter, 32. ancestor, 33. servitude, 34. trench

35. 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
36. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
37. qu_____e with his statement *v.* to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something
38. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
39. mental se_____de *n.* the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience
40. nar_____st content *v.* to transmit a message or content to a specific or limited audience rather than broadcasting it to a broad or general audience
41. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
42. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
43. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 35. oppress, 36. orthodox, 37. quibble, 38. tweet, 39. servitude, 40. narrowcast, 41. lifespan, 42. humility, 43. retrospect

44. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
45. with hindsight ret_____ct *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
46. or_____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
47. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
48. 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
49. ca_____al rule *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
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ANSWERS: 44. humility, 45. retrospect, 46. orthodox, 47. papal, 48. oppress, 49. cardinal, 50. cardinal

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

2. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.
adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

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ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. papal, 3. narrowcast, 4. lifespan, 5. trench, 6. orthodox, 7. polarization

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ANSWERS: 15. cardinal's, 16. germ, 17. quitter, 18. servitude, 19. quibble, 20. ancestor, 21. forefathers

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