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Session 1: Word List

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

adultery

n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

synonym: infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

uneven

adj. not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

synonym: irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the

country.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
2. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
3. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
4. st____a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
5. un_____n numbers *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
6. un_____n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
7. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
8. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
9. ad_____ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

ANSWERS: 1. discotheque, 2. unequal, 3. Christ, 4. stigma, 5. uneven, 6. uneven, 7. dissolve, 8. Christ, 9. adultery

10. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
11. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
12. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
13. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
14. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
15. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
16. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
17. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 10. protestant, 11. stigma, 12. sanction, 13. dissolve, 14. Catholic, 15.

Catholic, 16. unequal, 17. sanction

18. commit ad_____ry *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
19. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
20. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 18. adultery, 19. protestant, 20. discotheque

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
2. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
3. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered _____ and could end her marriage.
n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
4. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
5. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
6. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
7. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 1. discotheque, 2. dissolved, 3. adultery, 4. Christmas, 5. unequal, 6. Protestant, 7. catholic

8. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
9. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
10. The road was _____ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.
- adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

ANSWERS: 8. sanctions, 9. stigma, 10. uneven,