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Session 1: Word List

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.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

springtime

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth

of plants, and milder weather

synonym : spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze

I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

gunpoint

n. the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery

synonym : point, muzzle

(1) held at **gunpoint**, (2) **gunpoint** robbery

The robbers demanded money from the store clerk at **gunpoint**.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym : migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

sneaking

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

synonym : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym : concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

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.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

quad

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

synonym : quadrangle, square, block

(1) **quad** room, (2) **quad** biking

We met at the campus **quad** to study for our upcoming exams.

soapbox

n. a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner

synonym: platform, podium, soap opera

(1) **soapbox** about climate change, (2) get on a **soapbox**

The politician climbed onto his **soapbox** and began his campaign speech.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

bootstrap

n. a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance

synonym: boot, self-starting, load

(1) **bootstrap** method, (2) **bootstrap** framework

Many startups use **bootstrap** funding to get their businesses off the ground.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

oxymoron

n. a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

synonym: contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

discriminating

adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

synonym: selective, critical, discerning

(1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye

The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym: latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

antithesis

n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

synonym: opposition, contrast, reverse

(1) make an **antithesis**, (2) the **antithesis** of evil

The **antithesis** of love is hate.

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.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym: antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

lefty

n. a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

synonym: left-handed person, southpaw

(1) **lefty** guitarist, (2) **lefty** batter

The **lefty** pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for

batters to hit his pitches.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

pacifist

adj. a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts

synonym : peace-lover, peacemaker, dove

(1) **pacifist** party, (2) uphold **pacifist** principles

The **pacifist** group organized a peaceful demonstration to protest the war.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym : lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

moonshot

n. an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

synonym : initiative, endeavor, pursuit

(1) AI **moonshot**, (2) **moonshot** idea

The company's **moonshot** project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.

Session 2: Spelling

1. q__d room
n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
2. s__o organization
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
3. don't dis_____nt me
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
4. get on a so_____x
n. a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
5. ri_____le at his expense
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
6. spr_____me blooms
n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

ANSWERS: 1. quad, 2. silo, 3. disappoint, 4. soapbox, 5. ridicule, 6. springtime

7. public ri____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
8. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
9. so____x about climate change *n.* a makeshift platform or podium, typically one that is improvised in a public place, used for making impromptu speeches or for expressing opinions on various topics; (verb) to express one's opinions or deliver a speech in a passionate, forceful, or assertive manner
10. ox____on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
11. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
12. q__d biking *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
13. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger
14. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 7. ridicule, 8. firsthand, 9. soapbox, 10. oxymoron, 11. worldview, 12. quad, 13. fingertip, 14. anarchist

15. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
16. suppress di_____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
17. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
18. gu_____nt robbery *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
19. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
20. spr_____me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
21. bo_____ap framework *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
22. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
23. le__y batter *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

ANSWERS: 15. trajectory, 16. divisive, 17. aisle, 18. gunpoint, 19. bipartisan, 20. springtime, 21. bootstrap, 22. libertarian, 23. lefty

24. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
25. le__y guitarist *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
26. mo_____ot idea *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
27. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
28. the ant_____is of evil *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
29. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
30. make an ant_____is *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
31. held at gu_____nt *n.* the point of a gun, used as a threat or in an armed robbery
32. literary ox_____on *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
33. em_____te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

ANSWERS: 24. incarceration, 25. lefty, 26. moonshot, 27. harmonious, 28. antithesis, 29. incarcerate, 30. antithesis, 31. gunpoint, 32. oxymoron, 33. emigrate

34. sn_____ng suspicion *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
35. pr_____e any discussion *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
36. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
37. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
38. dis_____ing judgment *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
39. lib_____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
40. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
41. Al mo_____ot *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
42. popular di_____te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 34. sneaking, 35. precede, 36. incarceration, 37. disappoint, 38. discriminating, 39. libertarian, 40. trajectory, 41. moonshot, 42. distaste

43. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
44. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
45. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
46. a sn_____ng sense of satisfaction *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
47. bo_____ap method *n.* a loop or strap on a boot that is used to pull it on; a self-starting process, often in IT or business, that is designed for beginning or continuing without external assistance
48. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
49. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
50. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
51. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 43. aisle, 44. worldview, 45. trump, 46. sneaking, 47. bootstrap, 48. trump, 49. anarchist, 50. firsthand, 51. incarcerate

52. junior se____r
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
53. di____ve question
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
54. having a strong di____te
n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
55. bip____an agreement
adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
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n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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adj. a person who believes in pacifism, which is the opposition to war and violence as a means of resolving conflicts
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ANSWERS: 52. senator, 53. divisive, 54. distaste, 55. bipartisan, 56. silo, 57. pacifist, 58. senator, 59. pacifist, 60. discriminating

61. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
62. em____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
63. men often pr____e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
64. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
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66. har____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 61. tweet, 62. emigrate, 63. precede, 64. tweet, 65. fingertip, 66. harmonious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I love going for walks in the park during _____.
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2. The politician climbed onto his _____ and began his campaign speech.
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ANSWERS: 1. springtime, 2. soapbox, 3. libertarian, 4. gunpoint, 5. anarchist, 6.

aisle, 7. ridicule

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