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Session 1: Word List

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

matrilineal

adj. tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

synonym: maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent

In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym : sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

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.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

reciprocity

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

synonym: mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
2. 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
3. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
4. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
5. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
6. mat_____al inheritance *adj.* tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
7. rec_____ty exchange *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
8. mat_____al descent *adj.* tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
9. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

ANSWERS: 1. fearless, 2. patriarchy, 3. glacier, 4. fearless, 5. grandparent, 6. matrilineal, 7. reciprocity, 8. matrilineal, 9. insurmountable

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| 10. gl____r retreat | <i>n.</i> a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole |
| 11. ma_____ch figure | <i>n.</i> a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group |
| 12. up___d the law | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 13. rec_____ty relationship | <i>n.</i> a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges |
| 14. mi_____ny issue | <i>n.</i> a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women |
| 15. person of gra_____nt age | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 16. pat_____hy system | <i>n.</i> a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property |
| 17. up___d tradition | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 18. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity | <i>n.</i> a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women |
| 19. ins_____ble odds | <i>adj.</i> impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome |
| 20. ruled by a ma_____ch | <i>n.</i> a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group |

ANSWERS: 10. glacier, 11. matriarch, 12. uphold, 13. reciprocity, 14. misogyny, 15. grandparent, 16. patriarchy, 17. uphold, 18. misogyny, 19. insurmountable, 20. matriarch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle _____ society and promote gender equality.
 - n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
2. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
 - n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
3. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
 - n.* a parent of one's father or mother
4. In _____ societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.
 - adj.* tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
5. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
 - n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
6. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
 - n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
7. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
 - v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. patriarchy, 2. matriarch, 3. grandparents, 4. matrilineal, 5. misogyny, 6. glaciers, 7. uphold

8. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.
adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
9. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
10. The policy of _____ between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.
n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

ANSWERS: 8. insurmountable, 9. fearless, 10. reciprocity