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Session 1: Word List

- quo**
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym: status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.
- staunch**
- adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
synonym: strong, loyal, firm
(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent
She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.
- cybersecurity**
- n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
synonym: information security, cyber protection
(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures
As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

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.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym: suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

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**.

sympathize

v. to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

synonym: empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

impersonate

- v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

synonym: imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

meme

- n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

app

- n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

encrypt

- v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

vilify

- v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

circulate

- v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

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.

corruptible

- adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

stray

- v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym: deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

kitten

n. a young cat

synonym: catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. en____t data | <i>v.</i> to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons |
| 2. st____h conviction | <i>adj.</i> firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute |
| 3. vi____y the press | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them |
| 4. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world |
| 5. st__y beyond the confines | <i>v.</i> to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be |
| 6. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 7. st__y from a rule | <i>v.</i> to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be |
| 8. become w__ped | <i>v.</i> to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something |

ANSWERS: 1. encrypt, 2. staunch, 3. vilify, 4. worldview, 5. stray, 6. quo, 7. stray, 8. warp

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| 9. sym_____ze with a tragic hero | v. | to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences |
| 10. w__p under pressure | v. | to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something |
| 11. in_____te against disease | v. | to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease |
| 12. de___k theory | v. | to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless |
| 13. dis_____ion warfare | n. | false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion |
| 14. cannot log in to the a_p | n. | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 15. en_____t message | v. | to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons |
| 16. a false ru__r | n. | a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth |

ANSWERS: 9. sympathize, 10. warp, 11. inoculate, 12. debunk, 13. disinformation, 14. app, 15. encrypt, 16. rumor

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| 17. ru__r mill | <i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth |
| 18. dis_____ion campaign | <i>n.</i> false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion |
| 19. de___k an urban legend | <i>v.</i> to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless |
| 20. sym_____ze with their situation | <i>v.</i> to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences |
| 21. cor_____le officials | <i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |
| 22. ki___n formula | <i>n.</i> a young cat |
| 23. pronounce m___e | <i>n.</i> a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online |
| 24. mainstream wo_____ew | <i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world |
| 25. cor_____le judges | <i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |

ANSWERS: 17. rumor, 18. disinformation, 19. debunk, 20. sympathize, 21. corruptible, 22. kitten, 23. meme, 24. worldview, 25. corruptible

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| 26. imp_____te a government official | <i>v.</i> | to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire |
| 27. imp_____te a character | <i>v.</i> | to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire |
| 28. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 29. publicly vi___y | <i>v.</i> | to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them |
| 30. ci_____te a rumor | <i>v.</i> | to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system |
| 31. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting | <i>v.</i> | to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system |
| 32. democratic leg_____cy | <i>n.</i> | the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason |
| 33. st_____h opponent | <i>adj.</i> | firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute |
| 34. cyb_____ity measures | <i>n.</i> | the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction |

ANSWERS: 26. impersonate, 27. impersonate, 28. app, 29. vilify, 30. circulate, 31. circulate, 32. legitimacy, 33. staunch, 34. cybersecurity

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| 35. criminal acc_____on | <i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone |
| 36. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 37. cyb_____ity threat | <i>n.</i> the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction |
| 38. ev_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> tending to evoke or bring something to mind |
| 39. religious m__e | <i>n.</i> a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online |
| 40. challenge the leg_____cy | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason |
| 41. newborn ki___n | <i>n.</i> a young cat |
| 42. ev_____ve memories | <i>adj.</i> tending to evoke or bring something to mind |

ANSWERS: 35. accusation, 36. quo, 37. cybersecurity, 38. evocative, 39. meme, 40. legitimacy, 41. kitten, 42. evocative

43. in_____te with a virus

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

44. 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

ANSWERS: 43. inoculate, 44. accusation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The myth was _____ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.
v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
2. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
3. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.
v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
4. The doctor _____ the child with a vaccine.
v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
5. I _____ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.
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7. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
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ANSWERS: 1. debunked, 2. legitimacy, 3. encrypt, 4. inoculated, 5. sympathize, 6. stray, 7. circulates, 8. impersonate

9. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
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10. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet ____.
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ANSWERS: 9. accusation, 10. meme, 11. kitten's, 12. staunch, 13. worldviews, 14.

evocative, 15. warped, 16. cybersecurity

17. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
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n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
19. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
20. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.
n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
21. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
22. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 17. app's, 18. quo, 19. rumor, 20. disinformation, 21. vilifying, 22. corruptible