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Session 1: Word List

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- corset** *n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust
synonym : waist cincher, stays, girdle
(1) leather **corset**, (2) orthopedic **corset**
She wore a **corset** under her dress to give her waist a more defined shape.
- sultry** *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
synonym : hot, humid, oppressive
(1) **sultry** perfume, (2) **sultry** weather
The **sultry** summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

mascara

n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes

synonym : eyeliner, kohl

(1) waterproof **mascara**, (2) **mascara** smudge

She applied the **mascara** to her lashes for a dramatic look.

banter

n. playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

synonym : teasing, raillery, chitchat

(1) **banter** back and forth, (2) playful **banter**

The **banter** between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym: progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

hypothesize

v. to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

synonym: speculate, theorize, conjecture

(1) **hypothesize** as to outcomes, (2) **hypothesize** what could have happened

Scientists **hypothesize** that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
synonym: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

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.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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**.

muss

v. to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing

synonym: dishevel, tangle, mess up

(1) **muss** up my makeup, (2) **muss** up clothes

She didn't want to **muss** her hair before the party, so she wore a hat.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

literati

n. people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite

synonym: intellectuals, elite, cultured

(1) **literati** circles, (2) elite **literati**

The city **literati** gathered at the book fair to discuss the latest literary works.

whoop

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

synonym: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

fatalism

n. the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance

synonym: determinism, inevitability

(1) **fatalism** philosophy, (2) cultural **fatalism**

Society's deep-rooted **fatalism** made it difficult for progress to be made.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym : blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

chic

n. a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior;
(adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

synonym : style, fashion, trend

(1) **chic** boutique, (2) casual **chic**

She's always dressed in the latest **chic**, making her the envy of her friends.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym : easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

unlit

adj. not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light

synonym : dark, dim, unilluminated

(1) **unlit** candle, (2) **unlit** cigarette

The **unlit** alleyway made her feel nervous walking alone.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym : engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly
The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

chug

v. to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly

synonym: chuff, puff, toot

(1) **chug** on a cigarette, (2) **chug** beer

The old locomotive **chugged** slowly along the tracks, pulling a long line of freight cars.

flask

n. a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

synonym: bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

vodka

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content

and little or no added flavoring

synonym : spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

laxative

adj. relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels

synonym : purgative, evacuant, cathartic

(1) **laxative** effect, (2) liquid **laxative**

The **laxative** medication caused discomfort but ultimately helped relieve my constipation.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

Session 2: Spelling

1. religious m__e *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
2. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
3. pat_____hy system *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
4. li_____ti circles *n.* people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite
5. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
6. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
7. waterproof ma_____a *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
8. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 1. meme, 2. glamorous, 3. patriarchy, 4. literati, 5. strangle, 6. dismantle, 7. mascara, 8. sham

9. un__t cigarette *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
10. vacuum fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
11. 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
12. m__s up my makeup *v.* to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing
13. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
14. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
15. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
16. vo__a shot *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
17. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
18. c__g on a cigarette *v.* to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly

ANSWERS: 9. unlit, 10. flask, 11. patriarchy, 12. muss, 13. transgression, 14. portray, 15. human-made, 16. vodka, 17. dissatisfy, 18. chug

19. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
20. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
21. casual c__c *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
22. c__g beer *v.* to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly
23. ba___r back and forth *n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
24. orthopedic co___t *n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust
25. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 19. liberalism, 20. stereotype, 21. chic, 22. chug, 23. banter, 24. corset, 25. starve

26. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
27. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
28. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
29. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
30. wh__p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
31. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
32. elite li_____ti *n.* people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite
33. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
34. fa_____sm philosophy *n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance
35. la_____ve effect *adj.* relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels

ANSWERS: 26. slam, 27. dismantle, 28. hoop, 29. starve, 30. whoop, 31. inscribe, 32. literati, 33. glamorous, 34. fatalism, 35. laxative

36. flavored vo__a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
37. un__t candle *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
38. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
39. su___y perfume *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
40. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
41. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
42. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
43. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
44. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

ANSWERS: 36. vodka, 37. unlit, 38. sham, 39. sultry, 40. human-made, 41. rev, 42. doe, 43. inscribe, 44. hoop

45. liquid la____ve *adj.* relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels
46. go____d opportunity *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
47. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
48. eff____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
49. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
50. m__s up clothes *v.* to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing
51. hyp____ze as to outcomes *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
52. avoid ste____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
53. st____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

ANSWERS: 45. laxative, 46. godsend, 47. shave, 48. effortless, 49. doe, 50. muss, 51. hypothesize, 52. stereotype, 53. strangle

54. cultural fa_____sm *n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance
55. su____y weather *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
56. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
57. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
58. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
59. ma_____a smudge *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
60. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
61. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
62. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
63. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
64. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 54. fatalism, 55. sultry, 56. slam, 57. dissatisfy, 58. feminism, 59. mascara, 60. liberalism, 61. portray, 62. lifesaving, 63. godsend, 64. institutionalize

65. playful ba___r *n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
66. leather co___t *n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust
67. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
68. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
69. liberal fe____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
70. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
71. c__c boutique *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
72. hyp_____ze what could have happened *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

ANSWERS: 65. banter, 66. corset, 67. shave, 68. institutionalize, 69. feminism, 70. transgression, 71. chic, 72. hypothesize

73. eff_____ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
74. pronounce m__e *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
75. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
76. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
77. wh__p it up at a party *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
78. lab fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 73. effortless, 74. meme, 75. rev, 76. lifesaving, 77. whoop, 78. flask

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. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
 - v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
3. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
 - n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
4. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
 - v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
5. The _____ between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.
 - n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
6. Society's deep-rooted _____ made it difficult for progress to be made.
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7. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
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ANSWERS: 1. patriarchy, 2. shave, 3. lifesaving, 4. strangle, 5. banter, 6. fatalism, 7. feminism

8. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
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v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

20. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

21. The old locomotive _____ slowly along the tracks, pulling a long line of freight cars.

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ANSWERS: 16. unlit, 17. laxative, 18. human-made, 19. institutionalize, 20. liberalism, 21. chugged, 22. hoop

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ANSWERS: 23. sham, 24. doe, 25. glamorous, 26. meme, 27. inscribed, 28. effortless, 29. whoop, 30. godsend

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- n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
34. I ordered a _____ tonic at the bar.
- n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
35. She wore a _____ under her dress to give her waist a more defined shape.
- n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust
36. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
37. She didn't want to _____ her hair before the party, so she wore a hat.
- v.* to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing
38. The city _____ gathered at the book fair to discuss the latest literary works.
- n.* people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite

ANSWERS: 31. portray, 32. transgression, 33. flask, 34. vodka, 35. corset, 36. stereotypes, 37. muss, 38. literati

39. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

- v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 39. dismantled