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Session 1: Word List

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym: awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym: equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym : fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

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.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym: declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular

product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

putrid

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

synonym : rotten, decaying, decomposing

(1) turn **putrid**, (2) **putrid** atmosphere

I had to throw away the **putrid** food in the fridge because it had gone bad.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

depravity

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

synonym : corruption, wickedness, immorality

(1) **depravity** of human nature, (2) moral **depravity**

The **depravity** of the serial killer shocked the nation.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

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**.

amygdala

n. one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

(1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage

The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with

heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result
I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

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.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

synonym: educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dielectric pol_____ion | <i>n.</i> the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles |
| 2. N__i regime | <i>n.</i> a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs |
| 3. ho_____ck adventure | <i>n.</i> the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse |
| 4. r_v up the crowd | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 6. b__k at extra work | <i>v.</i> to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something |
| 7. a con_____on of guilt | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal |

ANSWERS: 1. polarization, 2. Nazi, 3. horseback, 4. rev, 5. Jewish, 6. balk, 7. confession

8. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
9. de_____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
10. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
11. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
12. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
13. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
14. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
15. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
16. catchy sl_____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 8. atheist, 9. depravity, 10. bombard, 11. nationalist, 12. checkpoint, 13. calibrate, 14. settler, 15. atheist, 16. slogan

17. che_____nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
18. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
19. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
20. pre_____ine result *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
21. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
22. 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
23. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
24. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
25. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
26. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

ANSWERS: 17. checkpoint, 18. cognition, 19. endemic, 20. predetermine, 21. Jewish, 22. rev, 23. trajectory, 24. trajectory, 25. imitate, 26. enclose

27. the decline in am_____la activity *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
28. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
29. ma_____to statement *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
30. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
31. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
32. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
33. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
34. re_____n skills *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 27. amygdala, 28. cognition, 29. manifesto, 30. memorize, 31. Nazi, 32. endemic, 33. horseback, 34. retrain

35. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
36. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
37. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
38. am_____la damage *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
39. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
40. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
41. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
42. environmental ma_____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
43. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 35. balk, 36. nationalist, 37. confession, 38. amygdala, 39. enclose, 40. memorize, 41. imitate, 42. manifesto, 43. polarization

44. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
45. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
46. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
47. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
48. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
49. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
50. re_____n employees *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
51. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
52. pu___d atmosphere *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
53. bo_____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

ANSWERS: 44. headquarter, 45. hijack, 46. treason, 47. hijack, 48. predetermine, 49. headquarter, 50. retrain, 51. calibrate, 52. putrid, 53. bombard

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
2. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
3. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
4. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
5. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
6. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.
n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
7. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
8. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.
n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. nationalist, 3. enclosed, 4. imitated, 5. confession, 6. cognition, 7. calibrate, 8. treason

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24. The _____ of the serial killer shocked the nation.
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