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Session 1: Word List

grizzly	 n. a large North American bear species, often with greyis or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair synonym: bear, ursus, bruin 			
	(1) grizzly size, (2) grizzly encounter			
	The hiker stumbled upon a grizzly bear in the woods and quickly retreated.			
cub	 n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy 			
	synonym: young, male child, boy			
	(1) a tiger cub , (2) the arrival of a cub			
	The cub reporter covered the murder case for the first time.			
rambunctious	 <i>adj.</i> marked by uncontrollable exuberance or high spirits; boisterous and unruly; difficult to control or restrain <i>synonym</i>: boisterous, rowdy, unruly 			
	(1) rambunctious behavior, (2) rambunctious childrenThe rambunctious puppies played in the yard until they fell asleep.			

murmur	 v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath 			
	synonym: burble, gurgle, mutter			
	(1) murmur at low wages, (2) murmur a greeting			
	He always murmurs at the ill-treatment.			
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.			
agonism	<i>n.</i> the theory or practice of engaging in competitive or conflictual relationships or interactions to promote the progress or improve outcomes			
	(1) muscle agonism , (2) agonism in literature			
	Wrestling is known for its physical and mental agonism			
	between opponents.			
contagious	 adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable 			
	(1) contagious enthusiasm, (2) contagious virus			
	The disease is highly contagious and spreads quickly.			
warlike	 adj. characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner synonym: martial, bellicose, combative 			
	(1) warlike behavior, (2) warlike language			
	The warlike imagery depicted on the temple walls was meant			
	to inspire warriors to fight bravely.			
agon	 a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others synonym: struggle, conflict, fight 			

	(1) emotional agon, (2) an agon of creativityThe weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international agon.
agony	 n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense synonym: anguish, torment, suffering
	(1) severe agony , (2) emotional agony
	The athlete fell to the ground in agony after injuring their ankle.
impeach	 v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
	synonym: charge, accuse, claim
	(1) impeach him with an error, (2) impeach official
	The House of Representatives impeached the president for abuse of power.
strained	<i>adj.</i> tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress;characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness<i>synonym</i>: tense, tight, forced
	(1) strained relationship, (2) strained muscles
	The musician's face showed a strained expression as he struggled to hit the high note.
cultivate	<i>v.</i> to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants <i>synonym</i> : boost, foster, nurture
	(1) cultivate a field, (2) cultivate relationships
	University is a great place to cultivate our minds and expertise.
cisgender	<i>adj.</i> denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex
	synonym: cis, non-trans
	(1) cisgender identity, (2) cisgender person

	Cisgender people often don't have to think about their gender identity in the same way that transgender people do
evangelical	adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church synonym: proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary
	(1) evangelical mission, (2) evangelical Christian group
	The evangelical pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.
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.
transgender	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
	synonym: non-binary
	(1) transgender person, (2) transgender rights
	Many transgender individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
coequal	adj. being equal in rank, importance, or value synonym: equal, equivalent, balanced
	(1) coequal responsibility, (2) coequal member
	The coequal partnership between the two companies
	allowed for a successful merger.
pronoun	 n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
	(1) pronoun usage, (2) possessive pronoun
	In English, personal pronouns such as "he," "she," and

	"they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
majesty	<i>n.</i> regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness <i>synonym</i> : grandeur, royalty, eminence
	(1) morning majesty , (2) majesty of nature
	The king's majesty was apparent in his elegant attire and
	powerful presence.
extravagant	adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
	synonym: excessive, lavish, indulgent
	(1) extravagant expenses, (2) extravagant lifestyle
	The wedding was an extravagant affair with a guest list of
	over 500 people.
mincing	 adj. affectedly dainty or delicate in behavior, speech, or manner; (of food) cut or chopped into very small pieces synonym: dainty, affected, delicate
	(1) mincing garlic, (2) mincing words
	I couldn't stand the mincing steps of the ballerina in the
	dance performance.
offend	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed <i>synonym</i> : insult, hurt, anger
	(1) offend his sensibilities, (2) offend a customer
	His rude comments offended many people at the party.
savior	 n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer
	(1) political savior , (2) pray to the savior
	The guru of that religion thought of himself as a savior .
lovable	adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection synonym: adorable, charming, dear

	 Iovable personality, (2) a lovable creature The little puppy was lovable and had a playful personality.
	 the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform synonym: insincerity, dissembling, duplicity
	(1) without hypocrisy, (2) self-serving hypocrisy
	The commentaries often criticized the government's political hypocrisy.
	adj. causing strong dislike or disgust; offensive, unpleasant, or grotesque; resisting or rejecting contact or influence synonym: disgusting, revolting, repugnant
	(1) repulsive smell, (2) repulsive act
	The politician's rhetoric was so repulsive that many people
	refused to vote for him.
	 adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified
	(1) unconditional forgiveness, (2) unconditional support
	Her love for him was unconditional , despite all of his flaws.
	 a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation
	 precondition agreement, (2) essential precondition A peaceful environment is a precondition for meaningful negotiations.
9	 a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging synonym: gibbet, scaffold, hanging

	The judge sentenced the criminal to the gallows for his heinous crimes.
noose	 n. a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey synonym: loop, snare, halter
	(1) noose knot, (2) hangman's noose
	The criminal was caught in the noose of the law and faced severe consequences for their actions.
blindfold	 a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
	(1) blindfold game, (2) blindfold challenge
	The doctor administered a blindfold test to evaluate the
	patient's sense of touch.
pardon	 v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve
	(1) pardon me, (2) supplicate for pardon
	The governor decided to pardon the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
exhale	 v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently synonym: breathe out, expel, emit
	(1) exhale a big sigh, (2) exhale cigarette smoke
	He took a deep breath and slowly began to exhale .
weep	 v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain synonym: cry, sob, mourn

	 (1) weep bitter tears, (2) weep for joy I'm easily moved to tears, so I would weep in sympathy if I saw that movie.
slap	 v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly synonym: smack, hit, whack
	(1) slap on the back, (2) slap a heavy fine
	The politician tried to slap down the rumors about his personal life.
afterward	<i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned <i>synonym</i> : later, thereafter, following
	(1) a few years afterward, (2) go there afterward
	We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem afterward.
theologian	<i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology <i>synonym</i> : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar
	(1) Swedish theologian, (2) great theologians
	Death gets more than its share of attention from theologians.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	essential preion	n.	a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
2.	wp for joy	v.	to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
3.	extnt lifestyle	adj.	exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
4.	prn usage	n.	a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
5.	sp on the back	v.	to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
6.	traer person	adj.	relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
7.	preion agreement	n.	a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
8.	gry encounter	n.	a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
9.	great theans	n.	an expert or student who studies theology

ANSWERS: 1. precondition, 2. weep, 3. extravagant, 4. pronoun, 5. slap, 6. transgender, 7. precondition, 8. grizzly, 9. theologian

10.	reve act	adj.	causing strong dislike or disgust; offensive, unpleasant, or grotesque; resisting or rejecting contact or influence
11.	pan me	ν.	to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
12.	cute relationships	v.	to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
13.	go there afrd	adv.	after the time mentioned
14.	gry size	n.	a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
15.	morning may	n.	regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
16.	negative stepes	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
17.	conus enthusiasm	adj.	able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
18.	self-serving hysy	n.	the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

ANSWERS: 10. repulsive, 11. pardon, 12. cultivate, 13. afterward, 14. grizzly, 15. majesty, 16. stereotype, 17. contagious, 18. hypocrisy

19. loe personality	adj.	deserving or inspiring love and affection
20. agm in literature	n.	the theory or practice of engaging in competitive or conflictual relationships or interactions to promote the progress or improve outcomes
21. hangman's noe	n.	a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
22. extnt expenses	adj.	exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
23. muscle agm	n.	the theory or practice of engaging in competitive or conflictual relationships or interactions to promote the progress or improve outcomes
24. mur at low wages	v.	to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
25. wae language	adj.	characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner
26. mig garlic	adj.	affectedly dainty or delicate in behavior, speech, or manner; (of food) cut or chopped into very small pieces
27. may of nature	n.	regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
28. mur a greeting	v.	to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 19. lovable, 20. agonism, 21. noose, 22. extravagant, 23. agonism, 24. murmur, 25. warlike, 26. mincing, 27. majesty, 28. murmur

29. sp a heavy fine	v.	to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
30. ramous behavior	adj.	marked by uncontrollable exuberance or high spirits; boisterous and unruly; difficult to control or restrain
31. a tiger c_b	n.	a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
32. evaal Christian group	adj.	relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
33. emotional an	n.	a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
34. emotional agy	n.	extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
35. wae behavior	adj.	characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner
36. supplicate for pan	v.	to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 29. slap, 30. rambunctious, 31. cub, 32. evangelical, 33. agon, 34. agony, 35. warlike, 36. pardon

37. ramous children	adj.	marked by uncontrollable exuberance or high spirits; boisterous and unruly; difficult to control or restrain
38. teaching of Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
39. Swedish thean	n.	an expert or student who studies theology
40. without hysy	n.	the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
41. sted muscles	adj.	tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
42. exe a big sigh	v.	to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
43. mig words	adj.	affectedly dainty or delicate in behavior, speech, or manner; (of food) cut or chopped into very small pieces
44. political sar	n.	a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
45. cute a field	v.	to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

ANSWERS: 37. rambunctious, 38. Christ, 39. theologian, 40. hypocrisy, 41. strained, 42. exhale, 43. mincing, 44. savior, 45. cultivate

46.	blld game	n.	a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
47.	cier identity	adj.	denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex
48.	blId challenge	n.	a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
49.	pray to the sar	n.	a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
50.	wp bitter tears	v.	to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
51.	uncnal forgiveness	adj.	not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

ANSWERS: 46. blindfold, 47. cisgender, 48. blindfold, 49. savior, 50. weep, 51. unconditional

52. imh official	ν.	to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
53. the arrival of a c_b	n.	a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
54. avoid stepe	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
55. an an of creativity	n.	a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
56. a few years afrd	adv.	after the time mentioned
57. traer rights	adj.	relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
58. imh him with an error	ν.	to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
59. col responsibility	adj.	being equal in rank, importance, or value
60. a loe creature	adj.	deserving or inspiring love and affection
61. cier person	adj.	denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex

ANSWERS: 52. impeach, 53. cub, 54. stereotype, 55. agon, 56. afterward, 57. transgender, 58. impeach, 59. coequal, 60. lovable, 61. cisgender

62. sted relationship	adj.	tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
63. conus virus	adj.	able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
64. evaal mission	adj.	relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
65. severe agy	n.	extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
66. ofd his sensibilities	v.	to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
67. noe knot	n.	a loop or knot, typically made of rope, used for hanging or executing a person or animal; a trap or snare in which the neck catches the prey
68. uncnal support	adj.	not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
69. possessive prn	n.	a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
70. before Cht	n.	the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 62. strained, 63. contagious, 64. evangelical, 65. agony, 66. offend, 67. noose, 68. unconditional, 69. pronoun, 70. Christ

71. gas humor	n.	a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
72. with gas eyes	n.	a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
73. exe cigarette smoke	v.	to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
74. reve smell	adj.	causing strong dislike or disgust; offensive, unpleasant, or grotesque; resisting or rejecting contact or influence
75. col member	adj.	being equal in rank, importance, or value
76. ofd a customer	v.	to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 71. gallows, 72. gallows, 73. exhale, 74. repulsive, 75. coequal, 76. offend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
- *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
- 2. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
- *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
- 3. In English, personal ______ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- *n*. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
- 4. He took a deep breath and slowly began to _____.
- *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
- 5. Many ______ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
- *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
- 6. The ______ partnership between the two companies allowed for a successful merger.
- adj. being equal in rank, importance, or value
- 7. The House of Representatives ______ the president for abuse of power.
- *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

ANSWERS: 1. contagious, 2. cultivate, 3. pronouns, 4. exhale, 5. transgender, 6. coequal, 7. impeached

- 8. The judge sentenced the criminal to the _____ for his heinous crimes.
- *n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
- 9. Wrestling is known for its physical and mental _____ between opponents.
- *n.* the theory or practice of engaging in competitive or conflictual relationships or interactions to promote the progress or improve outcomes
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- 11. The little puppy was _____ and had a playful personality.
- adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection
- 12. The wedding was an ______ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.
- adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
- 13. Death gets more than its share of attention from ______.
- *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
- 14. Her love for him was ______ despite all of his flaws.
- *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
- 15. The politician's rhetoric was so ______ that many people refused to vote for him.
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ANSWERS: 8. gallows, 9. agonism, 10. noose, 11. lovable, 12. extravagant, 13. theologians, 14. unconditional, 15. repulsive

- 16. I couldn't stand the ______ steps of the ballerina in the dance performance.
- *adj.* affectedly dainty or delicate in behavior, speech, or manner; (of food) cut or chopped into very small pieces
- 17. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.
- *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
- 18. The _____ imagery depicted on the temple walls was meant to inspire warriors to fight bravely.
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- 19. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
 - v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
- 20. The governor decided to ______ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
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- 21. The hiker stumbled upon a ______ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.
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- *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
- 23. The ______ puppies played in the yard until they fell asleep.
- *adj.* marked by uncontrollable exuberance or high spirits; boisterous and unruly; difficult to control or restrain

ANSWERS: 16. mincing, 17. agony, 18. warlike, 19. weep, 20. pardon, 21. grizzly, 22. offended, 23. rambunctious

- 24. The king's ______ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.
- *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
- 25. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of 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
- We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem ______.
- *adv.* after the time mentioned
- 27. The doctor administered a ______ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
 - *n*. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
- 28. The _____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.
- *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
- 29. 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
- 30. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
- *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 24. majesty, 25. Christmas, 26. afterward, 27. blindfold, 28. cub, 29. stereotypes, 30. agon

- 31. The musician's face showed a ______ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.
- *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
- 32. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
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- 37. A peaceful environment is a ______ for meaningful negotiations.
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ANSWERS: 31. strained, 32. savior, 33. slap, 34. murmurs, 35. hypocrisy, 36. evangelical, 37. precondition

- 38. _____ people often don't have to think about their gender identity in the same way that transgender people do
 - *adj.* denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex

ANSWERS: 38. Cisgender