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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

centerpiece

n. the most important or attractive part of something;
something placed at the center of something, as on a
table

synonym: highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal
His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to
become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child
I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

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.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**
Please get the desk **downstairs**.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to
formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on
high alert.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions
He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym: brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

emancipate

v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

synonym: liberate, free, release

(1) **emancipate** a slave, (2) **emancipate** him from anxiety

The organization works to **emancipate** people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym: caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym: shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment

have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____e speed *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

2. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

3. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

4. fa_____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes

5. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

6. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

7. in_____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

8. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

9. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

10. gu_____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

ANSWERS: 1. redline, 2. condemn, 3. complicit, 4. farmland, 5. disgust, 6. conceive, 7. inhuman, 8. nostalgia, 9. disrupt, 10. gunshot

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| 11. co_____n crime | <i>v.</i> | to express strong disapproval or criticism of something |
| 12. fertile fa_____nd | <i>n.</i> | land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 13. cen_____ce proposal | <i>n.</i> | the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table |
| 14. secret s__t | <i>n.</i> | a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 15. the qui_____nce of virtue | <i>n.</i> | the perfect example of a quality or class |
| 16. co_____it behavior | <i>adj.</i> | involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group |
| 17. pre_____on to authority | <i>n.</i> | the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 18. sk_____et the cost | <i>v.</i> | to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly; |
| 19. en_____e poor peasants | <i>v.</i> | to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 20. escort him dow_____rs | <i>adv.</i> | on or to a lower or ground floor of a building |

ANSWERS: 11. condemn, 12. farmland, 13. centerpiece, 14. sect, 15. quintessence, 16. complicit, 17. pretension, 18. skyrocket, 19. enslave, 20. downstairs

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| 21. co____ve of an idea | v. | to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant |
| 22. ge____fy a community | v. | to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses |
| 23. gu____t wound | n. | the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target |
| 24. re____e level | n. | a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone |
| 25. qui_____nce of life | n. | the perfect example of a quality or class |
| 26. in____ct a computer | v. | to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 27. ex____e rebellion | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 28. su____cy of a country | n. | the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status |
| 29. ha____ng memory | adj. | lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off |
| 30. the cen_____ce of the meal | n. | the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table |

ANSWERS: 21. conceive, 22. gentrify, 23. gunshot, 24. redline, 25. quintessence, 26. instruct, 27. excite, 28. supremacy, 29. haunting, 30. centerpiece

31. ema_____te him from anxiety *v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
32. ge_____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
33. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
34. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
35. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
36. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
37. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
38. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 31. emancipate, 32. gentrify, 33. Christ, 34. pretension, 35. custodian, 36. instruct, 37. disrupt, 38. segregate

39. ma____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
40. in____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
41. a race for su____cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
42. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
43. ma____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
44. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
45. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
46. creep dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
47. cu____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

ANSWERS: 39. magnify, 40. inhuman, 41. supremacy, 42. Christ, 43. magnify, 44. sect, 45. enslave, 46. downstairs, 47. custodian

48. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
49. ema_____te a slave *v.* to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate
50. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
51. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
52. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
53. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
54. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
55. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
56. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 48. segregate, 49. emancipate, 50. excite, 51. kidnapping, 52. disgust, 53. kidnapping, 54. skyrocket, 55. nostalgia, 56. haunting

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization works to _____ people from poverty and provide them with education and job opportunities.
 - v. to set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to liberate

2. _____ 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

3. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
 - v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

4. Her beauty _____ me completely.
 - v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

5. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
 - n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

6. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
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7. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
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ANSWERS: 1. emancipate, 2. Christmas, 3. magnify, 4. enslaved, 5. kidnapping, 6. gentrify, 7. instructed

8. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
- n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
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- v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
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14. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
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15. Please get the desk _____.
- adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

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16. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
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n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
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- n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

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