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Session 1: Word List

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

fuss

n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

synonym : commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

dew

n. the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight

synonym : condensation, vapor, fog

(1) a drop of **dew**, (2) morning **dew**

Moisture in the atmosphere condenses at night and forms **dew**.

desegregation

n. the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions

synonym: integration, assimilation

(1) **desegregation** plan, (2) legal **desegregation**

Desegregation of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

apostle

n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

synonym: messenger, envoy, delegate

(1) **Apostle** Paul, (2) an **apostle** of revolution

The twelve **apostles** were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

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.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

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.

almighty

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

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.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

confederate

n. a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America

synonym: ally, associate, partner

(1) **confederate** soldier, (2) **Confederate** government

The two countries are **confederates** and have a strong alliance.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

eloquent

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

synonym: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

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.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

legitimacy

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

reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym: fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways
He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym: severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

crusade

n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

synonym: holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**

During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Session 2: Spelling

1. would-be as_____in
n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
2. al_____ty power
adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
3. st__n warning
adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
4. a con_____on of guilt
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
5. 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
6. an ap_____e of revolution
n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
7. make a f__s
n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
8. mainstream wo_____ew
n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
9. former con_____son
n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 1. assassin, 2. almighty, 3. stern, 4. confession, 5. pretension, 6. apostle, 7. fuss, 8. worldview, 9. congressperson

10. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
11. re___e a deity *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
12. get into a f___s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
13. seg_____on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
14. m___d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
15. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
16. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
17. morning d_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
18. con_____te soldier *n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
19. ba_____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

ANSWERS: 10. preach, 11. revere, 12. fuss, 13. segregation, 14. mend, 15. liberate, 16. determinant, 17. dew, 18. confederate, 19. barefoot

20. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
21. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
22. des_____ion plan *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
23. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
25. mu___e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
26. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
27. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
28. 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

ANSWERS: 20. legitimacy, 21. lynch, 22. desegregation, 23. opportune, 24. stern, 25. mumble, 26. sane, 27. greet, 28. Christ

29. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
30. al_____ty dollar *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
31. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
32. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
33. ba_____ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
34. earlier emotional br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
35. 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
36. legal des_____ion *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
37. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
38. 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

ANSWERS: 29. bruise, 30. almighty, 31. worldview, 32. scar, 33. barefoot, 34. bruise, 35. Christ, 36. desegregation, 37. sermon, 38. disrupt

39. environmental cr_____e *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
40. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
41. Ap_____e Paul *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
42. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
43. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
44. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
45. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
46. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
47. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 39. crusade, 40. sermon, 41. apostle, 42. someplace, 43. assassin, 44. nonviolence, 45. confession, 46. inauguration, 47. determinant

48. el____nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
49. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
50. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
51. a cr____e against smoking *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
52. Con____te government *n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
53. mu____e under your breath *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
54. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
55. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
56. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 48. eloquent, 49. greet, 50. sane, 51. crusade, 52. confederate, 53. mumble, 54. lynch, 55. liberate, 56. preach

57. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
59. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
60. re___e a hero *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
61. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
62. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
63. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

ANSWERS: 57. opportune, 58. pretension, 59. nonviolence, 60. revere, 61. boycott, 62. inauguration, 63. boycott

64. racial seg_____on *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
65. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
66. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
67. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
68. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
69. 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
70. a drop of d_w *n.* the tiny drops of water that have condensed on a cool surface overnight
71. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
72. an el_____nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

ANSWERS: 64. segregation, 65. someplace, 66. mend, 67. scar, 68. legitimacy, 69. disrupt, 70. dew, 71. congressperson, 72. eloquent

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
2. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
3. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.
v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
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5. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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ANSWERS: 1. someplace, 2. bruise, 3. revere, 4. congressperson, 5. determinant, 6. stern, 7. mumble

8. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
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13. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
14. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
15. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
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ANSWERS: 8. preached, 9. dew, 10. sermon, 11. boycott, 12. nonviolence, 13. liberated, 14. sane, 15. scar

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ANSWERS: 16. fuss, 17. Segregation, 18. Christmas, 19. pretensions, 20. mended, 21. barefoot, 22. confession, 23. almighty

24. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

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

25. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

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26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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27. The _____ of the new station was a great success.

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28. _____ of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.

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ANSWERS: 24. disrupt, 25. greeted, 26. opportune, 27. inauguration, 28. Desegregation, 29. apostles, 30. eloquent, 31. worldviews

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