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Session 1: Word List

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

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.

militia

n. a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

synonym: reserves

(1) **militia** groups, (2) armed **militia**

Militia suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym: notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

confederacy

n. a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

synonym: alliance, union, league

(1) urban **confederacy**, (2) the rebelling **confederacy**

The **confederacy** of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym: baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

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.

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.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

synonym: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

reignite

v. to cause something to start burning again

synonym: rekindle, revive, renew

(1) **reignite** my interest, (2) **reignite** the spark

His speech **reignited** the passion of the crowd.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

unwelcome

adj. not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

synonym : uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

byproduct

n. a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else

synonym : side effect, spinoff, outgrowth

(1) toxic **byproducts**, (2) **byproduct** of technology

The **byproduct** of the energy production process is a large amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

swastika

n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

synonym : hakenkreuz, fylfot, gammadion

(1) **swastika** symbol, (2) **swastika** tattoo

The use of the **swastika** sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.

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.

vexillology

n. the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
synonym: flag science, heraldry

(1) **vexillology** museum, (2) **vexillology** flag designs

The **vexillology** course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.

allegiance

n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

synonym: loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym: genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym: hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

aloft

adv. in the air; at a high place

synonym: elevated, high, soaring

(1) go **aloft**, (2) carried **aloft** by police

The hot air balloon rose **aloft** into the sky, giving the passengers a breathtaking countryside view.

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.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

unenforceable

adj. not able to be enforced or applied according to law or regulation; lacking the authority or power to be carried out or executed

synonym: void, invalid, ineffective

(1) **unenforceable** agreement, (2) **unenforceable** law
The **unenforceable** contract left both parties without legal protection.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case
The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

synonym: loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor
He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

individuality

n. the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

synonym: personality, distinctiveness, eccentricity

(1) your **individuality**, (2) emphasize **individuality**
He has a strong sense of **individuality**.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

spacefaring

n. the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space

synonym: space navigation, space exploration, spaceflight

(1) **spacefaring** nation, (2) the future of **spacefaring** exploration

Spacefaring technology has allowed us to explore the vast expanse of the universe.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. toxic by_____cts | <i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else |
| 2. dr__d getting old | <i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen |
| 3. di_____b his sleep | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 4. Con_____te government | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. ro__e state | <i>n.</i> a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly |
| 6. un_____me interruption | <i>adj.</i> not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure |
| 7. earn pro_____ce | <i>n.</i> the state of being important, easily seen, or well known |
| 8. a national em___m | <i>n.</i> a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea |
| 9. emphasize ind_____ity | <i>n.</i> the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind |
| 10. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |

ANSWERS: 1. byproduct, 2. dread, 3. disturb, 4. confederate, 5. rogue, 6. unwelcome, 7. prominence, 8. emblem, 9. individuality, 10. Jewish

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| 11. kn__l in protest | <i>v.</i> to rest on someone's knee or knees |
| 12. un___y relationship | <i>adj.</i> causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort |
| 13. go al__t | <i>adv.</i> in the air; at a high place |
| 14. by_____ct of technology | <i>n.</i> a secondary or incidental product produced in the manufacture or synthesis of something else |
| 15. sw_____ka tattoo | <i>n.</i> an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II |
| 16. armed mi_____a | <i>n.</i> a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs |
| 17. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 18. s_w with thread | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 19. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 20. legal des_____ion | <i>n.</i> the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions |

ANSWERS: 11. kneel, 12. uneasy, 13. aloft, 14. byproduct, 15. swastika, 16. militia, 17. germ, 18. sew, 19. grandchild, 20. desegregation

21. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
22. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
23. vex_____gy flag designs *n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
24. urban con_____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
25. une_____ble agreement *adj.* not able to be enforced or applied according to law or regulation; lacking the authority or power to be carried out or executed
26. un_____me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
27. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
28. pa_____ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
29. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
30. spa_____ng nation *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space

ANSWERS: 21. anthem, 22. uneasy, 23. vexillology, 24. confederacy, 25. unenforceable, 26. unwelcome, 27. patriotic, 28. patriotic, 29. germ, 30. spacefaring

31. sw____ka symbol *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II
32. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
33. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
34. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
35. aw____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
36. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
37. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
38. re_____te the spark *v.* to cause something to start burning again
39. loyal all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
40. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
41. carried al__t by police *adv.* in the air; at a high place
42. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

ANSWERS: 31. swastika, 32. disrespect, 33. kneel, 34. sew, 35. awaken, 36. grandchild, 37. swell, 38. reignite, 39. allegiance, 40. Jewish, 41. aloft, 42. rogue

43. s__p 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
44. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
45. 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
46. a national an___m *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
47. mi_____a groups *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
48. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
49. vex_____gy museum *n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
50. une_____ble law *adj.* not able to be enforced or applied according to law or regulation; lacking the authority or power to be carried out or executed
51. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

ANSWERS: 43. slap, 44. swell, 45. confederate, 46. anthem, 47. militia, 48. disturb, 49. vexillology, 50. unenforceable, 51. prosecute

52. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
53. des_____ion plan *n.* the action or process of eliminating segregation, typically of races or ethnic groups, in educational, social, or other institutions
54. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
55. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
56. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
57. s__p 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
58. re_____te my interest *v.* to cause something to start burning again
59. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
60. 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

ANSWERS: 52. prosecute, 53. desegregation, 54. livable, 55. disrespect, 56. livable, 57. slap, 58. reignite, 59. awaken, 60. sect

61. pro_____ce in society *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
62. the future of spa_____ng exploration *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
63. secret s__t *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
64. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
65. your ind_____ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
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67. show all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
68. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
69. the rebelling con_____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
70. family em____m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

ANSWERS: 61. prominence, 62. spacefaring, 63. sect, 64. dread, 65. individuality, 66. resonate, 67. allegiance, 68. resonate, 69. confederacy, 70. emblem

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ of schools was a major social issue in the 1960s.
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v. to cause something to start burning again
3. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
4. The _____ course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.
n. the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
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adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
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ANSWERS: 1. Desegregation, 2. reignited, 3. grandchild, 4. vexillology, 5. patriotic, 6. Spacefaring, 7. resonates

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19. The _____ contract left both parties without legal protection.

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22. My mother taught me how to _____.

- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 15. individuality, 16. aloft, 17. Jewish, 18. rogue, 19. unenforceable, 20. allegiance, 21. Militia, 22. sew

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v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

24. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

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25. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

26. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

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ANSWERS: 23. kneeling, 24. dread, 25. anthem, 26. disturb, 27. disrespectful, 28. unwelcome, 29. byproduct, 30. emblem, 31. germ

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- 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
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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
34. He achieved _____ in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.
- n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
35. The friend's death _____ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

ANSWERS: 32. confederates, 33. sect, 34. prominence, 35. awakens