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Session 1: Word List

coronation

n. a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen
synonym: crowning, enthronement, investiture

(1) **coronation** ceremony, (2) the **coronation** robes

The **coronation** of the new king was a grand event.

thunderous

adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive

synonym: thundering, booming, loud

(1) **thunderous** roar, (2) **thunderous** noise

The **thunderous** applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

ornate

adj. elaborately or excessively decorated

synonym: decorative, elaborate, fancy

(1) **ornate** ceiling, (2) depicted in **ornate** detail

She wore an **ornate** necklace to the formal event.

scepter

n. a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty

synonym : royal staff, staff, wand

(1) hold a **scepter**, (2) royal **scepter**

The royal palace had a room designed to store the king's **scepter** and crown jewels.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym : rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

synonym : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

onlooker

n. a person who watches an event or situation without directly participating, often as a spectator or bystander

synonym : bystander, spectator, watcher

(1) curious **onlooker**, (2) spectating **onlooker**

Many **onlookers** gathered at the beach to witness the rare sea turtle hatching.

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.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

siege

n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

synonym: blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

mason

n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

synonym: bricklayer, stonemason, masonry worker

(1) **mason** jar, (2) the craft of a **mason**

The accomplished **mason** expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

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.

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.

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym : restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

alienated

adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

synonym : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

endear

v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

synonym: fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

citadel

n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

synonym: fortress, stronghold, bastion

(1) medieval **citadel**, (2) fortress **citadel**

The ancient **citadel** provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

debilitating

adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success

synonym: weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect

His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

despondent

adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

synonym: hopeless, despairing, discouraged

(1) feel **despondent**, (2) a **despondent** mood

After her dog passed away, she was **despondent** for weeks,

unable to find joy.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. former em_____r | <i>n.</i> the male ruler of an empire |
| 2. royal sc_____r | <i>n.</i> a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty |
| 3. en_____e indigenous people | <i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 4. the cor_____on robes | <i>n.</i> a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen |
| 5. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 6. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 7. depicted in or____e detail | <i>adj.</i> elaborately or excessively decorated |
| 8. cr_____e to dust | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support |
| 9. en_____e poor peasants | <i>v.</i> to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 10. in____e other tissues | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |

ANSWERS: 1. emperor, 2. scepter, 3. enslave, 4. coronation, 5. industrious, 6. opportune, 7. ornate, 8. crumble, 9. enslave, 10. invade

11. en___r a character to young readers
v. to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
12. or___e ceiling
adj. elaborately or excessively decorated
13. curious on____er
n. a person who watches an event or situation without directly participating, often as a spectator or bystander
14. re_____on leader
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
15. tropical sa____ah
n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
16. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. al_____ed from my parents
adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
18. deb_____ing virus
adj. weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
19. lay si__e to his house
n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
20. round of ap____se
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
21. in___e his privacy
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 11. endear, 12. ornate, 13. onlooker, 14. rebellion, 15. savannah, 16. opportune, 17. alienated, 18. debilitating, 19. siege, 20. applause, 21. invade

22. ab____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
23. ma__n jar *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
24. thu_____us roar *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
25. medieval ci_____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
26. ab____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
27. spectating on_____er *n.* a person who watches an event or situation without directly participating, often as a spectator or bystander
28. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
29. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
30. become al_____ed *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
31. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
32. feel des_____nt *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

ANSWERS: 22. abolish, 23. mason, 24. thunderous, 25. citadel, 26. abolish, 27. onlooker, 28. rebellion, 29. liberate, 30. alienated, 31. savannah, 32. despondent

33. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
34. to_____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
35. hold a sc_____r *n.* a ceremonial staff or rod that represents authority or power, often carried by monarchs or other high-ranking officials; a symbol of royalty or sovereignty
36. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
37. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
38. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
39. fortress ci_____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
40. hostage si__e *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
41. as___d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
42. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 33. liberate, 34. towering, 35. scepter, 36. casualty, 37. proclaim, 38. authoritarian, 39. citadel, 40. siege, 41. ascend, 42. authoritarian

43. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
44. in___e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
45. thu_____us noise *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
46. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
47. a des_____nt mood *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
48. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
49. en___r to everyone *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
50. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
51. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
52. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. re_____te a policy *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

ANSWERS: 43. emperor, 44. incite, 45. thunderous, 46. crumble, 47. despondent, 48. converse, 49. endear, 50. assassination, 51. ascend, 52. industrious, 53. reinstate

54. deb_____ing effect *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
55. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
56. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
57. to_____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
58. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
59. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
60. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
61. in_____e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
62. cor_____on ceremony *n.* a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen
63. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
64. the craft of a ma____n *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

ANSWERS: 54. debilitating, 55. applause, 56. reinstate, 57. towering, 58. proclaim, 59. casualty, 60. prolong, 61. incite, 62. coronation, 63. assassination, 64. mason

65. measures to pr____g the lifespan v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
66. ask a co____se question v. to talk informally

ANSWERS: 65. prolong, 66. converse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the new king was a grand event.
n. a ceremony at which a person becomes king or queen

2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

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4. The accomplished _____ expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.
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ANSWERS: 9. enslaved, 10. endeared, 11. proclaimed, 12. ascend, 13. citadel, 14. despondent, 15. siege, 16. rebellion

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

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