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Session 1: Word List

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.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

witchcraft

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to

describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

synonym: sorcery, magic, wizardry

(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**

Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym: stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

authenticate

v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

synonym: confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

pagan

n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

synonym : atheist, polytheist, agnostic

(1) **pagan** sites, (2) **pagan** belief

The temple was built by ancient **pagans** who worshiped multiple gods.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

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.

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.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym : chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

archbishop

n. a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

synonym : bishop, prelate, metropolitan

(1) **archbishop's** palace, (2) interim **archbishop**

The **archbishop's** sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.

zealous

adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

synonym : enthusiastic, passionate, fervent

(1) **zealous** supporter, (2) **zealous** advocate

The **zealous** employee always went above and beyond his job duties.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of

the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym : argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

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.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

dismember

v. to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way

synonym : disjoint, mutilate, sever

(1) **dismember** a corpse, (2) **dismember** a team

The killer used a saw to **dismember** the victim's body into pieces.

inquisition

n. a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

synonym: investigation, examination, probe

(1) propose an **inquisition**, (2) submit him to an **inquisition**

The **inquisition** was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
2. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
4. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
5. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
6. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
7. ze_____s advocate *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
8. my_____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
9. 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: 1. harass, 2. intellect, 3. platonic, 4. deity, 5. intellect, 6. platonic, 7. zealous, 8. mythical, 9. Christ

10. submit him to an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
11. a do_____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
12. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
13. pa__n sites *n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
14. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
15. carry out a f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
16. di_____er a corpse *v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
17. en_____ch on the habitat of the animal *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
18. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 10. inquisition, 11. downfall, 12. converge, 13. pagan, 14. delve, 15. feud, 16. dismember, 17. encroach, 18. harmonious

19. di_____er a team *v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
20. 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
21. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
22. arc_____op's palace *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region
23. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
24. the power of wit_____ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
25. amateur ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
26. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 19. dismember, 20. incite, 21. surpass, 22. archbishop, 23. converge, 24. witchcraft, 25. astronomer, 26. harass

27. pa__n belief *n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
28. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
29. mi_____a groups *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
30. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
31. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
32. propose an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
33. armed mi_____a *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
34. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
35. wit_____ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

ANSWERS: 27. pagan, 28. accusation, 29. militia, 30. monk, 31. mystical, 32. inquisition, 33. militia, 34. deity, 35. witchcraft

36. do____ll government *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
37. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
38. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
39. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
40. aut______ate software license *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
41. the tu____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
42. ze____s supporter *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
43. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
44. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
45. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 36. downfall, 37. accuse, 38. accuse, 39. riot, 40. authenticate, 41. turmoil, 42. zealous, 43. riot, 44. Jewish, 45. monk

46. solar ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
47. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
48. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
49. interim arc_____op *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region
50. en_____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
51. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
52. de__e deeper *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
53. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
54. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 46. astronomer, 47. surpass, 48. mythical, 49. archbishop, 50. encroach, 51. accusation, 52. delve, 53. Jewish, 54. harmonious

55. aut_____ate documents *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
56. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
57. family f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
58. 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
59. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
60. 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

ANSWERS: 55. authenticate, 56. mystical, 57. feud, 58. Christ, 59. turmoil, 60. incite

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.
v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
2. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
3. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
4. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
5. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.
n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
6. This question has fascinated solar _____ for decades.
n. a physicist who studies astronomy
7. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

ANSWERS: 1. delve, 2. turmoil, 3. monk, 4. harmonious, 5. feud, 6. astronomers, 7. mystical

8. Many people were accused of _____ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.
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11. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
12. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
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13. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.
- adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
14. The temple was built by ancient _____ who worshiped multiple gods.
- n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

ANSWERS: 8. witchcraft, 9. dismember, 10. accusation, 11. riots, 12. harassed, 13. mythical, 14. pagans

15. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
16. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.
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17. _____ 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
18. _____ suddenly occupied the presidential palace.
- n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
19. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
20. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
- v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
21. The security system requires users to _____ their identity before gaining access.
- v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

ANSWERS: 15. intellect, 16. incite, 17. Christmas, 18. Militia, 19. deity, 20. surpassed, 21. authenticate

22. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
23. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
24. The _____ employee always went above and beyond his job duties.
adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
25. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.
v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
26. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
27. His relationship with her was completely _____.
adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
28. The _____ sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.
n. a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region
29. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.
n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

ANSWERS: 22. converge, 23. accused, 24. zealous, 25. encroach, 26. Jewish, 27. platonic, 28. archbishop's, 29. downfall

30. The _____ was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

- n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

ANSWERS: 30. inquisition