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Session 1: Word List

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym: endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

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.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym : unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

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.

outspoken

adj. frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial

synonym : vocal, blunt, frank

(1) **outspoken** critic, (2) **outspoken** journalist

She was known for being **outspoken** and speaking her mind.

unaffected

adj. not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable

synonym : untouched, unaffected, unaltered

(1) **unaffected** by weather, (2) emotionally **unaffected**

Despite the chaos around her, she remained **unaffected** and focused.

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.

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**.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
2. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
3. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
4. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
5. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
6. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. authoritarian, 2. authoritarian, 3. aspiration, 4. sibling, 5. worldview, 6. opportune, 7. disrespect, 8. boycott

9. 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
10. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
11. emotionally una____ed *adj.* not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
12. un____t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
13. jeo____ze safety *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
14. ou____en journalist *adj.* frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial
15. cor____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
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ANSWERS: 9. boycott, 10. sibling, 11. unaffected, 12. unjust, 13. jeopardize, 14. outspoken, 15. corruptible, 16. unjust, 17. unaffected

18. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
19. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
20. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. jeo_____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
22. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
23. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
24. ou_____en critic *adj.* frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial

ANSWERS: 18. disrespect, 19. corruptible, 20. opportune, 21. jeopardize, 22. worldview, 23. aspiration, 24. outspoken

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. Despite the chaos around her, she remained _____ and focused.
adj. not influenced or emotionally impacted by external factors or events; calm, composed, and emotionally stable
3. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
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
4. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
5. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
6. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
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7. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.
adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. unaffected, 3. boycott, 4. authoritarian, 5. corruptible, 6. worldviews, 7. unjust

8. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
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9. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
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10. She was known for being _____ and speaking her mind.
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11. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
12. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 8. disrespectful, 9. aspiration, 10. outspoken, 11. jeopardize, 12. siblings