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Session 1: Word List

aggravate

v. to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone

synonym: irritate, provoke, worsen

(1) **aggravate** the situation, (2) **aggravate** an injury

Stress can **aggravate** existing health conditions and cause further problems.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist
The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

espionage

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

synonym: spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

debrief

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

synonym: brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

surveil

v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

synonym: monitor, watch, observe

(1) **surveil** suspect, (2) **surveil** the cheating spouse

The security team was assigned to **surveil** the building and ensure its safety.

covert

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

synonym : secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

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.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

dojo

n. a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement

synonym : training hall, studio, gym

(1) **dojo** training, (2) martial arts **dojo**

I attend a karate **dojo** every week for my martial arts training.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym : simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

scooch

v. to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction

synonym : move over, shuffle, slide

(1) **scooch** closer to her mother, (2) **scooch** my chair

I had to **scooch** over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___e rebellion | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 2. choose tr__p | n. | a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |
| 3. und_____er journalist | adj. | carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito |
| 4. regional pol_____er | n. | a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 5. ex___e the crowd | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 6. d__o training | n. | a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement |
| 7. ov_____a shipments | adj. | situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries |
| 8. uni_____ed bias | adj. | not planned or meant |
| 9. sp__l a person's sport | v. | to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad |
| 10. de_____f their business trip | v. | to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance |

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. trump, 3. undercover, 4. policymaker, 5. excite, 6. dojo, 7. oversea, 8. unintended, 9. spoil, 10. debrief

11. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
12. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
13. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. industrial es_____ge *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
16. es_____ge tactics *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
17. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
18. co___t negotiations *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
19. de_____f the result *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

ANSWERS: 11. undercover, 12. bipartisan, 13. aisle, 14. opportune, 15. espionage, 16. espionage, 17. Senate, 18. covert, 19. debrief

30. ag_____te an injury *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
31. ag_____te the situation *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
32. sc___h closer to her mother *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
33. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
34. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
35. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
36. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
37. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
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ANSWERS: 30. aggravate, 31. aggravate, 32. scooch, 33. dusty, 34. policymaker, 35. like-minded, 36. lingering, 37. hallway, 38. opportune, 39. Senate, 40. scooch

41. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
42. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
43. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
44. su_____l the cheating spouse *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
45. martial arts d__o *n.* a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement
46. lik_____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
47. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
48. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
49. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 41. trump, 42. pivot, 43. pivot, 44. surveil, 45. dojo, 46. like-minded, 47. hallway, 48. bipartisan, 49. republican

50. su____l suspect

v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

ANSWERS: 50. surveil

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We _____ along with the singer's song.
 - v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

2. I attend a karate _____ every week for my martial arts training.
 - n. a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement

3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

4. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
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ANSWERS: 8. like-minded, 9. hallway, 10. debrief, 11. scooch, 12. pivot, 13. covert, 14. aggravate, 15. Policymakers

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ANSWERS: 16. opportune, 17. oversea, 18. lingering, 19. aisle, 20. Senate, 21. undercover, 22. republican

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ANSWERS: 23. dusty, 24. spoil, 25. trump