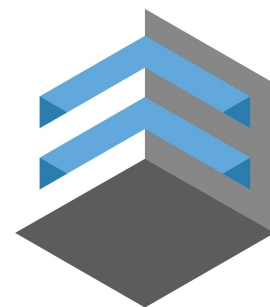


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Session 1: Word List

bipolar

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

(1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor

The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym: assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

illegitimate

adj. not legally valid or recognized

synonym: unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment

imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb)
to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law,
rule, or agreement

synonym: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the
country.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or
interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent**
skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on
each other for survival.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct
diplomacy (= the management of relationships between
countries) with one or more other countries or
international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace
treaty between the two countries.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks,
or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious
consequences.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the

moment.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

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.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

insurrection

n. an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) civil **insurrection**, (2) raise an **insurrection**

The government quickly suppressed the **insurrection** led by the rebel group.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine
An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media
The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

hypocritical

adj. behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have

synonym : insincere, two-faced, phony

(1) **hypocritical** actions, (2) **hypocritical** behavior
The politician's statements were **hypocritical** as he claimed to care about people experiencing poverty but cut funding for social services.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 2. the nation's ca_____l | <i>n.</i> a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress |
| 3. pre_____on of guilt | <i>n.</i> an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity |
| 4. reduce geo_____cal risk | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area |
| 5. cy__r bullying | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality |
| 6. the geo_____cal situations | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area |
| 7. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 8. Ca_____l Hill hearing | <i>n.</i> a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress |

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. capitol, 3. presumption, 4. geopolitical, 5. cyber, 6. geopolitical, 7. institutionalize, 8. capitol

9. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
10. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
11. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
12. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
13. raise an ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
14. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
15. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
16. of_____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
17. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 9. superpower, 10. offline, 11. disrupt, 12. trump, 13. insurrection, 14. trump, 15. disinformation, 16. offline, 17. determinant

18. sm____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
19. hyp_____cal behavior *adj.* behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have
20. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
21. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
22. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
23. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
24. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 18. smallpox, 19. hypocritical, 20. presumption, 21. interdependent, 22. exert, 23. sanction, 24. troop

25. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
26. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
27. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
28. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
29. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
30. bi_____r depression *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
31. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
32. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
33. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
34. an ill_____ate occupation *adj.* not legally valid or recognized

ANSWERS: 25. riot, 26. erode, 27. exert, 28. interdependent, 29. limitless, 30. bipolar, 31. nurture, 32. institutionalize, 33. disinformation, 34. illegitimate

35. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
36. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
38. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
39. a bi_____r semiconductor *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
40. civil ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
41. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
42. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
43. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
44. hyp_____cal actions *adj.* behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have

ANSWERS: 35. disrupt, 36. opportune, 37. misinformation, 38. limitless, 39. bipolar, 40. insurrection, 41. troop, 42. erode, 43. nurture, 44. hypocritical

45. ill_____ate claim *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
46. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
47. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
48. 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
49. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
50. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
51. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 45. illegitimate, 46. superpower, 47. diplomat, 48. riot, 49. diplomat, 50. sanction, 51. opportune

52. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
53. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
54. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

ANSWERS: 52. misinformation, 53. smallpox, 54. cyber

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
 - n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

2. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
 - n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

3. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.
 - n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

4. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
 - n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

5. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
 - n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

6. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
 - adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

ANSWERS: 1. presumption, 2. capitol, 3. disinformation, 4. troop, 5. superpower, 6. interdependent

7. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
8. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
- adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
10. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
11. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
- adj.* not connected to the internet
12. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
14. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 7. institutionalize, 8. opportune, 9. geopolitical, 10. limitless, 11. offline, 12. determinant, 13. disrupt, 14. eroded

15. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
16. He had an _____ child that he never acknowledged.
- adj.* not legally valid or recognized
17. The politician's statements were _____ as he claimed to care about people experiencing poverty but cut funding for social services.
- adj.* behaving in a way that contradicts one's stated beliefs or values; insincere or false in one's dealings with others; pretending to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually have
18. The physician prescribed medication to treat _____ disorder.
- adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
19. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
20. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
21. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 15. nurture, 16. illegitimate, 17. hypocritical, 18. bipolar, 19. exerted, 20. trump, 21. diplomat

22. The government quickly suppressed the _____ led by the rebel group.
n. an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
23. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
24. 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
25. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
26. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
27. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 22. insurrection, 23. sanctions, 24. riots, 25. Cyber, 26. smallpox, 27. misinformation