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Session 1: Word List

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

proclamation

n. an official announcement or statement

synonym: announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the

neighboring country.

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**.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

vandal

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

synonym: destroyer, defacer, hooligan

(1) teenage **vandal**, (2) graffiti **vandal**

The city installed security cameras to deter **vandals** from damaging public property.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics
The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire
His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**
The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault
Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English
The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

impassioned

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

synonym: enthusiastic, fervent, ardent

(1) give an **impassioned** defense, (2) **impassioned** plea
He spoke with **impassioned** conviction about the need for change.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom
With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

synonym: deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

suffrage

n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

synonym: franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**

The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

placate

v. to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated

synonym: appease, pacify, soothe

(1) **placate** anger, (2) **placate** my fears

The manager tried to **placate** the angry customer by offering a refund.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym: intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

chafe

v. to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

synonym: irritate, rub, abrade

(1) **chafed** against my shoulders, (2) **chafe** under pressure

The new shoes are starting to **chafe** my feet after walking for hours.

atrocities

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

counterproductive

adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

synonym: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly

counterproductive to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

tireless

adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged

synonym: indefatigable, persistent, unflagging

(1) **tireless** dedication, (2) **tireless** charity work

The politician was known for his **tireless** efforts to improve healthcare.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. commit at_____ty | <i>n.</i> brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 2. female su_____ge | <i>n.</i> the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them |
| 3. su_____ge movement | <i>n.</i> the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them |
| 4. he_____ht switch | <i>n.</i> a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead |
| 5. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 6. dis_____ise voters | <i>v.</i> to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote |
| 7. cold-blooded at_____ty | <i>n.</i> brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act |
| 8. br_____y against the enemy | <i>n.</i> courage in the face of danger |
| 9. self-ema_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence |
| 10. ch__e under pressure | <i>v.</i> to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience |

ANSWERS: 1. atrocity, 2. suffrage, 3. suffrage, 4. headlight, 5. pun, 6. disenfranchise, 7. atrocity, 8. bravery, 9. emancipation, 10. chafe

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| 18. teenage va___l | <i>n.</i> a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent |
| 19. en___e critics | <i>v.</i> to make someone extremely angry |
| 20. an imprudent ta___c | <i>n.</i> a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective |
| 21. ti____ss charity work | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged |
| 22. am____y the effect | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 23. self-righteous bi____y | <i>n.</i> intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself |
| 24. imp____ed plea | <i>adj.</i> having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal |
| 25. a w__t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 26. ti____ss dedication | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged |
| 27. have a si____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 28. a ne____nd mine | <i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired |
| 29. racial seg____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation |

ANSWERS: 18. vandal, 19. enrage, 20. tactic, 21. tireless, 22. amplify, 23. bigotry, 24. impassioned, 25. writ, 26. tireless, 27. sibling, 28. newfound, 29. segregation

30. ne____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
31. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
32. dis_____ise citizens *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
33. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
34. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
35. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
36. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
37. graffiti va____l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
38. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
39. highly cou_____ive to performance *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

ANSWERS: 30. newfound, 31. sibling, 32. disenfranchise, 33. headlight, 34. pamphlet, 35. enrage, 36. motto, 37. vandal, 38. lynch, 39. counterproductive

40. cou_____ive approach *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
41. nullify a pro_____ion *n.* an official announcement or statement
42. pro_____ion of innocence *n.* an official announcement or statement
43. pl_____e my fears *v.* to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated
44. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
45. seg_____on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
46. ch__ed against my shoulders *v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience
47. pl_____e anger *v.* to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated
48. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
49. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 40. counterproductive, 41. proclamation, 42. proclamation, 43. placate, 44. emancipation, 45. segregation, 46. chafe, 47. placate, 48. pun, 49. amplify

50. ethnic bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
51. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
52. alternative ta____c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
53. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
54. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 50. bigotry, 51. bravery, 52. tactic, 53. writ, 54. lynch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
2. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
3. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
4. You might need to _____ this point.
v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
5. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
6. The politician was known for his _____ efforts to improve healthcare.
adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
7. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely _____ but common.
adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

ANSWERS: 1. pamphlets, 2. bravery, 3. motto, 4. amplify, 5. pun, 6. tireless, 7. counterproductive

8. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
9. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.
n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
10. The new citizenship laws will _____ many immigrants.
v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
11. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
12. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.
adj. newly discovered or acquired
13. The king made a _____ declaring war on the neighboring country.
n. an official announcement or statement
14. The _____ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.
n. the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
15. The new shoes are starting to _____ my feet after walking for hours.
v. to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

ANSWERS: 8. Bigotry, 9. emancipation, 10. disenfranchise, 11. lynch, 12. newfound, 13. proclamation, 14. suffrage, 15. chafe

16. _____ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.
- n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
17. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
18. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.
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19. He spoke with _____ conviction about the need for change.
- adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
20. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
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21. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
22. My car's _____ must be replaced before I drive again at night.
- n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

ANSWERS: 16. Segregation, 17. siblings, 18. divert, 19. impassioned, 20. sideline, 21. writ, 22. headlight

23. The city installed security cameras to deter _____ from damaging public property.

- n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

24. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.

- n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

25. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering a refund.

- v.* to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated

26. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.

- n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

27. The news of the betrayal _____ him.

- v.* to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 23. vandals, 24. tactic, 25. placate, 26. atrocity, 27. enraged