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Session 1: Word List

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

shaman

n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

synonym: medicine man, healer, spiritual leader

(1) **shaman's** wisdom, (2) the tribe's **shaman**The village **shaman** performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.

confine

- v. to restrict the movement of someone or something synonym: restrict, limit, contain
- (1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

androgyne

 a person who has both male and female qualities or characteristics; an androgynous person

synonym: hermaphrodite, intersex

(1) androgyne traits, (2) androgyne fashion

The model had an **androgyne** appearance, with sharp cheekbones and short hair.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease *synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym: cane, grass

reed instrument, (2) a young bud of reed
 The reed in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

suburbanite

- n. a person who lives in a suburban area, which is often a residential area near a larger city or urban centersynonym: resident, suburban dweller
- (1) **suburbanite** neighborhood, (2) upscale **suburbanite** The **suburbanite** lifestyle is often associated with a car-dependent culture.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

seminal

adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male

reproductive system

synonym: influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

riot

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.

cafeteria

 a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) cafeteria lunch, (2) office cafeteria

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

stonewall

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

synonym: obstruct, block, impede

- (1) **stonewall** the investigation, (2) **stonewall** their attempts The government **stonewalled** the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.
- v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

loom

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.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face
Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) recap key points, (2) recap briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

bury

- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb synonym: entomb, sink, forget
- (1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

overreact

 to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

synonym: overplay, exaggerate, overstate

(1) **overreact** with anger, (2) **overreact** to the criticism She **overreacted** to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

anomaly

 something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly** The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that

puzzled many investors.

ancestor

- n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefathersynonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor
- (1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

uplift

- n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spiritssynonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise
- (1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

 The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

Session 2: Spelling

upscale sub____te

1.	me	_al chemistry	adj.	of or relating to the treatment or cure of
				disease

- 2. make a da___g face adj. brave and taking risks
- 3. ca__e a statue v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
 - a person who lives in a suburban area,
 which is often a residential area near a
 larger city or urban center
 - n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
 - v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
 - v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
 - v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
 - a person who has both male and female qualities or characteristics; an androgynous person
 - v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
 - n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

5. ca____ia lunch

4.

- 6. b__y emotion
- 7. co___e themselves solely
- 8. st____ll the investigation
- 9. an ne fashion
- 10. re__p briefly
- 11. sh___n's wisdom

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. daring, 3. carve, 4. suburbanite, 5. cafeteria, 6. bury, 7. confine, 8. stonewall, 9. androgyne, 10. recap, 11. shaman

ANSWERS: 12. confine, 13. uplift, 14. stonewall, 15. overreact, 16. transgender, 17. loom, 18. carve, 19. overreact, 20. seminal, 21. reed

musical instruments such as oboe.

clarinet, and saxophone

ANSWERS: 22. disenfranchise, 23. reed, 24. riot, 25. suburbanite, 26. uplift, 27. bury, 28. loom, 29. seminal, 30. recap

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- 40. an___y detection
- 41. r_t police
- 42. da___g escape

- n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
- a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
- adj. brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 40. anomaly, 41. riot, 42. daring

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The university's was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.				
n.	a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.				
2.	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				
3.	Let me quickly these results.				
v.	to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.				
4. n.	My remote immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather				
5.	Many individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.				
adj	relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth				
6.	The model had an appearance, with sharp cheekbones and short hair.				
n.	a person who has both male and female qualities or characteristics; an androgynous person				
7.	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				
	SWERS: 1. cafeteria, 2. riots, 3. recap, 4. ancestor, 5. transgender, 6. androgyne				

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