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Session 1: Word List

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

helm

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

synonym: steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

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.

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.

enfranchise

v. to grant or give someone the right to vote or participate in some other activity or privilege; to free from bondage or servitude

synonym : empower, grant citizenship, emancipate

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

The civil rights movement fought to **enfranchise** marginalized groups in society.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym : enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

pageant

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym : parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

rejuvenate

v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

synonym : revitalize, renew, refresh

(1) **rejuvenate** a downtown area, (2) **rejuvenate** energy

The spa treatment promised to **rejuvenate** her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

synonym : demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task
The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking**

settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

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.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

sigma

n. the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values

synonym: sum, standard deviation, numerical value

(1) three **sigma**, (2) **sigma** notation

In math, the **sigma** symbol represents a sum of numbers.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym: sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

persevere

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

synonym: persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals

Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

suffragist

n. a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement

synonym: feminist, women's rights advocate

(1) **suffragist** organizations, (2) ardent **suffragist**,

The **suffragist** movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

procession

n. a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose

synonym: parade, cavalcade, march

(1) **procession** of cars, (2) religious **procession**

The funeral **procession** slowly made its way to the cemetery.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

- hurl** v. to throw something with great force
synonym: throw, fling, launch
(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window
She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.
- spit** v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew
(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.
- hospitalize** v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
synonym: admit, place in hospital
(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child
She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.
- catapult** n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance
synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot
(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism
The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
- garner** v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
synonym: acquire, collect, obtain
(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention
He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.
- lambaste** v. to criticize or rebuke sharply and harshly; to attack verbally or physically
synonym: rebuke, criticize, scold
(1) **lambaste** with criticism, (2) **lambaste** the media
He **lambasted** his opponent with insults during the heated debate.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym: shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

Session 2: Spelling

1. ov____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
2. la____te with criticism *v.* to criticize or rebuke sharply and harshly; to attack verbally or physically
3. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
4. tr____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
5. enf____se citizens *v.* to grant or give someone the right to vote or participate in some other activity or privilege; to free from bondage or servitude
6. rej____te energy *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
7. dis____ise voters *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
8. h__l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
9. an act of ho____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
10. st____e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
11. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
12. 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

ANSWERS: 1. overturn, 2. lambaste, 3. spit, 4. treasury, 5. enfranchise, 6. rejuvenate, 7. disenfranchise, 8. hurl, 9. hostility, 10. stride, 11. hurl, 12. lynch

13. pe_____re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
14. so_____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
15. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
16. la_____te the media *v.* to criticize or rebuke sharply and harshly; to attack verbally or physically
17. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
18. di_____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
19. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
20. national pa_____t *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

ANSWERS: 13. persevere, 14. sorority, 15. discotheque, 16. lambaste, 17. catapult, 18. disgrace, 19. sect, 20. pageant

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| 21. powerful ca_____lt | <i>n.</i> | a device used to hurl an object a long distance |
| 22. su_____ge movement | <i>n.</i> | the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them |
| 23. dis_____ise citizens | <i>v.</i> | to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote |
| 24. re_____te a matter to another authority | <i>v.</i> | to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote |
| 25. h__m of a ship | <i>n.</i> | the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat |
| 26. si__a notation | <i>n.</i> | the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values |
| 27. rej_____te a downtown area | <i>v.</i> | to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively |
| 28. ch_____t race | <i>n.</i> | a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing |
| 29. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> | one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 30. ly__h law | <i>v.</i> | 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: 21. catapult, 22. suffrage, 23. disenfranchise, 24. relegate, 25. helm, 26. sigma, 27. rejuvenate, 28. chariot, 29. cofounder, 30. lynch

31. re____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
32. political di____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
33. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
34. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
35. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
36. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
37. religious pro_____on *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
38. pe_____re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
39. ch_____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
40. female su_____ge *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

ANSWERS: 31. relegate, 32. disgrace, 33. stride, 34. treasury, 35. hospitalize, 36. long-lasting, 37. procession, 38. persevere, 39. chariot, 40. suffrage

41. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
42. enf_____se voters *v.* to grant or give someone the right to vote or participate in some other activity or privilege; to free from bondage or servitude
43. ardent suf_____st, *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
44. three si__a *n.* the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, used in mathematics and science to represent standard deviation or a summation of a series of values
45. suf_____st organizations *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
46. so_____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
47. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 41. garner, 42. enfranchise, 43. suffragist, 44. sigma, 45. suffragist, 46. sorority, 47. sect

48. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
49. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
50. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
51. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
52. steer the h__m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
53. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
54. pa_____t queen *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
55. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
56. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
57. pro_____on of cars *n.* a group of people or vehicles moving in an orderly, ceremonial manner, often for a religious or official purpose
58. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 48. long-lasting, 49. inauguration, 50. groundbreaking, 51. hostility, 52. helm, 53. cofounder, 54. pageant, 55. hospitalize, 56. overturn, 57. procession, 58. discotheque

59. gro_____ing concept

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

60. presidential ina_____ion

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

61. ga___r good reviews

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

62. s__t a bullet

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 59. groundbreaking, 60. inauguration, 61. garner, 62. spit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
 - n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

3. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
 - v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

4. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
 - n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

5. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
 - n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

6. The _____ movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.
 - n. a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement

7. He has produced _____ research on the subject.
 - adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

ANSWERS: 1. disenfranchise, 2. sect, 3. spit, 4. hostility, 5. treasury, 6. suffragist, 7. groundbreaking

8. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
9. The court _____ the original verdict.
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14. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
15. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
- v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

ANSWERS: 8. inauguration, 9. overturned, 10. lynch, 11. relegated, 12. helm, 13. procession, 14. garner, 15. strides

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- v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
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22. The civil rights movement fought to _____ marginalized groups in society.
- v. to grant or give someone the right to vote or participate in some other activity or privilege; to free from bondage or servitude

ANSWERS: 16. rejuvenate, 17. sorority, 18. persevere, 19. pageant, 20. hospitalized, 21. disgrace, 22. enfranchise

23. She angrily _____ the book across the room.

v. to throw something with great force

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n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

25. They finally decided to solve the _____ problem.

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

26. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.

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30. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

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31. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

ANSWERS: 23. hurled, 24. discotheque, 25. long-lasting, 26. cofounder, 27. suffrage, 28. sigma, 29. lambasted, 30. catapult, 31. chariot

ANSWERS: