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Session 1: Word List

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

hound

v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

synonym: chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

loom

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.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

inescapable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade

synonym: unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable

(1) **inescapable** fate, (2) an **inescapable** position

The consequences of his actions were **inescapable**, and he had to face the consequences.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality

She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

acclaim

n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

synonym: praise, admiration, welcome

(1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**

The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the

ability to meet their needs better.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym : conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym : inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

enmesh

v. to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something

synonym : entangle, trap, ensnare

(1) **enmesh** the fly in its web, (2) become **enmeshed** in legal battles

Her family drama **enmeshed** her in a web of lies and deceit.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar

objects.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym: prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hom_____ia in sports
n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
2. an ine_____le position
adj. impossible to avoid or evade
3. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
4. become en___hed in legal battles
v. to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something
5. an ar_____ng image
adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
6. en___h the fly in its web
v. to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something
7. ye__n for love
v. to strongly desire or long for something

ANSWERS: 1. homophobia, 2. inescapable, 3. intellect, 4. enmesh, 5. arresting, 6. enmesh, 7. yearn

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| 8. am__s a patent portfolio | v. | to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference |
| 9. a lay se___n | n. | a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service |
| 10. financial tur_____ce | n. | a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight |
| 11. lengthy se___n | n. | a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service |
| 12. emotional tur_____ce | n. | a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight |
| 13. political ex__e | n. | the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 14. se_____te boys and girls | v. | to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic |
| 15. re_____s gene expression | v. | to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories |
| 16. ex__e community | n. | the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 17. form an ine_____ble bond | adj. | unable to be separated or escaped from |

ANSWERS: 8. amass, 9. sermon, 10. turbulence, 11. sermon, 12. turbulence, 13. exile, 14. segregate, 15. repress, 16. exile, 17. inextricable

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| 18. cannot re_____s laughter | v. | to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories |
| 19. I__m over the global economy | v. | to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way |
| 20. treated with royal ac_____m | n. | praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly |
| 21. ine_____le fate | adj. | impossible to avoid or evade |
| 22. mass inc_____ion | n. | the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 23. dis_____on the young | v. | to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed |
| 24. nu_____d view | adj. | characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc. |
| 25. human in_____ct | n. | the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 26. pr___h to the masses | v. | to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 27. ra_____t corruption | adj. | (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled |
| 28. am__s followers | v. | to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference |

ANSWERS: 18. repress, 19. loom, 20. acclaim, 21. inescapable, 22. incarceration, 23. disillusion, 24. nuanced, 25. intellect, 26. preach, 27. rampant, 28. amass

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ANSWERS: 29. hound, 30. incarceration, 31. preach, 32. disillusion, 33. inextricable, 34. segregate, 35. hound, 36. acclaim, 37. homophobia

38. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
39. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
40. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
41. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
42. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
43. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
44. at st___e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

ANSWERS: 38. nuanced, 39. yearn, 40. arresting, 41. rampant, 42. strife, 43. loom, 44. strife

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.
adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
2. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. inextricable, 2. intellect, 3. turbulence, 4. amassed, 5. arresting, 6.

hound, 7. homophobia

8. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
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ANSWERS: 8. sermon, 9. nuanced, 10. loomed, 11. segregate, 12. enmeshed, 13. repressed, 14. disillusioned, 15. rampant

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n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
21. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
22. The consequences of his actions were _____ and he had to face the consequences.
adj. impossible to avoid or evade

ANSWERS: 16. preached, 17. yearned, 18. acclaim, 19. exiled, 20. strife, 21. incarceration, 22. inescapable,