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Session 1: Word List

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than

the busy downtown area.

transgress

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

synonym: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.

montage

n. a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

synonym: collage, mosaic, compilation

(1) **montage** sequence, (2) photographic **montage**

The film used a **montage** of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

shovel

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

synonym: excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym: stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

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.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical

intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

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.

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

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

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.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

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.

oust

v. to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition

synonym: expel, depose, drive out

(1) **oust** the chairman, (2) **oust** him from his post

Higher capacity storage media have **ousted** floppy disks.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government
The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. op_____s the people with force | v. | to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people |
| 2. on the western ou_____rts | n. | the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something. |
| 3. photographic mo_____e | n. | a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion |
| 4. re_____on leader | n. | an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler |
| 5. am_____y a signal | v. | to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 6. en__t the smoking ban | v. | to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 7. dr__e a coat | v. | to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material |
| 8. ch__t in the chapel | n. | a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation |
| 9. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. oppress, 2. outskirts, 3. montage, 4. rebellion, 5. amplify, 6. enact, 7. drape, 8. chant, 9. disgrace

10. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
11. tra_____ss boundaries *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
12. sh___l blade *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
13. 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
14. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
15. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
16. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
17. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
18. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 10. evoke, 11. transgress, 12. shovel, 13. disgrace, 14. authoritarian, 15. propel, 16. rebellion, 17. germ, 18. outlaw

19. am____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
20. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
21. pr____l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
22. mo____e sequence *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
23. Ca____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
24. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
25. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
26. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
28. opp____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
29. 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: 19. amplify, 20. coffin, 21. propel, 22. montage, 23. capitol, 24. dread, 25. evoke, 26. opportune, 27. chant, 28. oppressive, 29. lynch

30. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
31. snow sh___l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
32. 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
33. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
34. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
35. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
36. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
37. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
38. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 30. coffin, 31. shovel, 32. lynch, 33. capitol, 34. outskirts, 35. authoritarian, 36. patriotism, 37. oppress, 38. enact

39. o__t him from his post *v.* to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
40. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
41. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
42. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
43. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
45. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
46. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
47. o__t the chairman *v.* to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
48. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
49. tra_____ss against the rules *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

ANSWERS: 39. oust, 40. defy, 41. drape, 42. outlaw, 43. opportune, 44. dread, 45. oppressive, 46. germ, 47. oust, 48. patriotism, 49. transgress

50. d__y gravity

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 50. defy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country
2. Higher capacity storage media have _____ floppy disks.
v. to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
3. The company was fined for _____ environmental regulations.
v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
4. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
5. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
6. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
7. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
8. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
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ANSWERS: 1. patriotism, 2. ousted, 3. transgressing, 4. evoke, 5. outskirts, 6. enacted, 7. oppressive, 8. disgrace

9. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
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ANSWERS: 9. propel, 10. draped, 11. authoritarian, 12. rebellion, 13. montage, 14. defy, 15. amplify, 16. shovel

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ANSWERS: 17. chant, 18. capitol, 19. dread, 20. coffin, 21. lynch, 22. outlaw, 23. germ

24. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

25. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 24. opportune, 25. oppressed