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Session 1: Word List

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym : safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

brainwash

v. to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda

synonym : indoctrinate, manipulate

(1) **brainwash** consumers into buying, (2) **brainwash** young people into joining

The cult leader tried to **brainwash** his followers into believing he was a god.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

martyr

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

synonym : sufferer, saint

(1) X-ray **martyrs**, (2) a Christian **martyr**

He died a **martyr** to science.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym : blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

ambivalent

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

synonym : conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym: beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

synonym: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

demonize

v. to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them

synonym: vilify, condemn, defame

(1) **demonize** opponent, (2) **demonize** sugar

Some politicians try to **demonize** certain groups of people to gain political advantage.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

deplorable

adj. deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

synonym: shameful, disgraceful, lamentable

(1) **deplorable** conditions, (2) **deplorable** behavior

The **deplorable** living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym: authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

hippie

n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

synonym: bohemian, beatnik, free spirit

(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music

The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

disdain

v. to look down on

synonym: scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

discriminating

adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

synonym : selective, critical, discerning

(1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye

The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

synagogue

n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym : temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____ze opponent *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
2. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
3. take extra pre_____ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
4. dep_____le conditions *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
5. historical sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
6. bl__t in frustration *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
7. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
8. dis_____ing eye *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

ANSWERS: 1. demonize, 2. humanize, 3. precaution, 4. deplorable, 5. synagogue, 6. blurt, 7. trump, 8. discriminating

9. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
10. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
11. dep_____le behavior *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
12. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
13. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
14. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
15. br_____sh consumers into buying *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
16. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
17. hi___e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

ANSWERS: 9. trench, 10. Jewish, 11. deplorable, 12. sever, 13. vaccinate, 14. disappoint, 15. brainwash, 16. inbox, 17. hippie

18. hu____ze a room v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
19. ha____s with constant criticism v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
20. und____ate the probability v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
21. a Christian ma____r n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
22. X-ray ma____rs n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
23. hi____e lifestyle n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
24. publicly vi____y v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
25. id____st at heart n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 18. humanize, 19. harass, 20. underestimate, 21. martyr, 22. martyr, 23. hippie, 24. vilify, 25. idealist

26. bl__t about the inside story *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
27. at____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
28. vi___y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
29. airborne pre_____on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
30. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
31. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
32. amb_____nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
33. amb_____nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
34. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 26. blurt, 27. atheist, 28. vilify, 29. precaution, 30. disappoint, 31. trump, 32. ambivalent, 33. ambivalent, 34. idealist

35. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
36. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
37. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
38. hu_____st philosophy *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
39. de_____ze sugar *v.* to portray or represent someone or something as evil or wicked, often to create fear or hostility towards them
40. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
41. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
42. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
43. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

ANSWERS: 35. harass, 36. quote, 37. courageous, 38. humanist, 39. demonize, 40. Jewish, 41. courageous, 42. atheist, 43. inbox

44. month's ou___t *n.* the beginning of something
45. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
46. di___n the policemen *v.* to look down on
47. hu___st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
48. the ou___t of the crisis *n.* the beginning of something
49. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
50. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
51. br_____sh young people into joining *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
52. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
53. dis_____ing judgment *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

ANSWERS: 44. outset, 45. underestimate, 46. disdain, 47. humanist, 48. outset, 49. vaccinate, 50. fascist, 51. brainwash, 52. quote, 53. discriminating

54. reconstructed sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
55. di_____n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
56. deep-sea tr____h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
57. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
58. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 54. synagogue, 55. disdain, 56. trench, 57. sever, 58. fascist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

2. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

3. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

4. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
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6. I feel _____ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.
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12. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
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13. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
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ANSWERS: 8. martyr, 9. demonize, 10. trench, 11. disdained, 12. humanize, 13. fascist, 14. disappoint

15. The fashion of the _____ movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.
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19. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
- adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
20. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
- n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

ANSWERS: 15. hippie, 16. discriminating, 17. vaccinated, 18. humanist, 19. courageous, 20. synagogue

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v. to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
22. At the _____ of the project, we encountered several obstacles.
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23. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
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24. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
25. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
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ANSWERS: 21. brainwash, 22. outset, 23. trump, 24. underestimated, 25. vilifying, 26. deplorable, 27. severed, 28. Jewish, 29. atheist

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