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Session 1: Word List

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result

I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

demigod

n. a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements

synonym : half-god, superhuman

(1) ancient **demigod**, (2) musical **demigod**

The founder was treated like a tech **demigod** in the startup ecosystem because of his successful ventures.

autocratic

adj. having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

synonym : domineering, omnipotent, authoritarian

(1) in an **autocratic** manner, (2) **autocratic** regimes

That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his **autocratic** rule even after he abdicated.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 2. pre_____ine result | <i>v.</i> to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand |
| 3. dress re_____al | <i>n.</i> a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing |
| 4. re_____m a competitive position | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |
| 5. a di_____or with enormous powers | <i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 6. ab_____h censorship | <i>v.</i> to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 7. pre_____ine effectiveness | <i>v.</i> to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand |
| 8. avoid ste_____pe | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 9. music re_____al | <i>n.</i> a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing |

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. predetermine, 3. rehearsal, 4. reclaim, 5. dictator, 6. abolish, 7. predetermine, 8. stereotype, 9. rehearsal

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11. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
12. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
13. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
14. ancient de_____d *n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements
15. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
16. aut_____ic regimes *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
17. in an aut_____ic manner *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
18. musical de_____d *n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements

ANSWERS: 10. determinant, 11. abolish, 12. dictator, 13. reclaim, 14. demigod, 15. stereotype, 16. autocratic, 17. autocratic, 18. demigod

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
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7. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
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ANSWERS: 1. dictator, 2. autocratic, 3. reclaim, 4. demigod, 5. rehearsal, 6. predetermine, 7. abolish

8. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
9. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 8. stereotypes, 9. determinant