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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.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

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.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

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.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym: triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual
It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

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.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym : punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

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.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym: film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

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.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. corner of the pe_____y area | <i>n.</i> a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract |
| 2. di__t identifier | <i>n.</i> one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe |
| 3. death from sh__k | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant |
| 4. foreordained de_____y | <i>n.</i> the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future |
| 5. a ge___s for music | <i>n.</i> someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality |
| 6. so_____re architect | <i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. co_____st activist | <i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership) |
| 9. co_____t mainly of cells | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of |

ANSWERS: 1. penalty, 2. digit, 3. shock, 4. destiny, 5. genius, 6. software, 7. rehearsal, 8. communist, 9. consist

10. 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
11. pre_____ine result *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
12. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
13. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
14. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
15. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
16. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
17. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
18. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 10. demigod, 11. predetermine, 12. nation, 13. upload, 14. journalist, 15. communist, 16. grant, 17. expose, 18. revolution

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| 19. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 20. de____y of the individual | <i>n.</i> the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future |
| 21. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 22. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 23. em___e building | <i>n.</i> a group of countries ruled by one leader or government |
| 24. copyrighted so_____re | <i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs |
| 25. in_____ce a child's future | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 26. 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 |
| 27. in an aut_____ic manner | <i>adj.</i> having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking |
| 28. re_____m land from the sea | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |

ANSWERS: 19. frame, 20. destiny, 21. determinant, 22. journalist, 23. empire, 24. software, 25. influence, 26. dictator, 27. autocratic, 28. reclaim

29. aut_____ic regimes *adj.* having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking
30. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
31. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
32. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
33. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
34. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. 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
36. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
37. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
38. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 29. autocratic, 30. consist, 31. predetermine, 32. frame, 33. individual, 34. determinant, 35. demigod, 36. ordinary, 37. philosophy, 38. empire

39. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
40. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
41. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
42. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
43. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
44. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
45. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
46. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
47. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
48. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
49. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

ANSWERS: 39. individual, 40. ordinary, 41. grant, 42. nation, 43. documentary, 44. reclaim, 45. dictator, 46. shock, 47. revolution, 48. genius, 49. expose

50. pr____l in a suit *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
51. ab____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
52. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
53. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
54. ab____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
55. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
56. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
57. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
58. 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
59. good will pr____l *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
60. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
61. avoid ste_____pe *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

ANSWERS: 50. prevail, 51. abolish, 52. influence, 53. broad, 54. abolish, 55. impressive, 56. possibility, 57. impressive, 58. stereotype, 59. prevail, 60. documentary, 61. stereotype

62. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
63. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
64. death pe_____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
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69. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
70. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

ANSWERS: 62. democracy, 63. upload, 64. penalty, 65. democracy, 66. philosophy, 67. broad, 68. rehearsal, 69. possibility, 70. digit

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
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ANSWERS: 16. influence, 17. broad, 18. individual, 19. upload, 20. prevail, 21. predetermine, 22. destiny, 23. genius, 24. nation

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

ANSWERS: 25. determinant, 26. communist, 27. autocratic, 28. journalists, 29. ordinary, 30. revolution, 31. impressive, 32. abolish

33. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

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

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ANSWERS: 33. dictator, 34. frame, 35. penalty