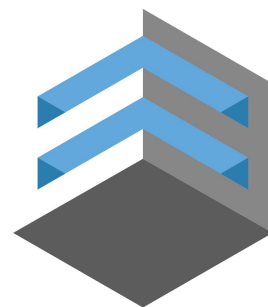


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Session 1: Word List

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

yardstick

n. a long, narrow strip of wood or metal that is marked with measurements, typically used to measure or compare the length, height, or width of something; a standard

against which something can be compared or judged

synonym : standard, criterion, benchmark

(1) **yardstick** measurement, (2) **yardstick** comparison

Using test scores as a **yardstick** to measure intelligence is only sometimes reliable.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym : repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

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**.

oligarch

n. a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context

synonym :

autocrat, dictator, ruler

(1) corrupt **oligarch**, (2) business **oligarch**

The powerful **oligarch** controlled the company's operations and made all the important decisions.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

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.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

polarize

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

synonym: divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

preexist

v. to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before

synonym : antedate, precede

(1) **preexist** the modern city, (2) **preexist** the current political tensions

The idea for the novel **preexisted** as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

synonym : compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym : revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
2. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
3. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
4. pr_____st the modern city *v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
5. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
6. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
7. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
8. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
9. 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

ANSWERS: 1. inefficient, 2. depict, 3. betray, 4. preexist, 5. puppet, 6. disgust, 7. creep, 8. tempt, 9. germ

10. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
11. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
12. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
13. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
14. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
15. 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
16. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
17. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
18. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 10. scrape, 11. confuse, 12. puppet, 13. authoritarian, 14. depict, 15. fascist, 16. seductive, 17. dictator, 18. authoritarian

19. re__n episode
- n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
20. ben_____nt gesture
- adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
21. military di_____or
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
22. business ol_____ch
- n.* a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context
23. fl_____r the host
- v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
24. be___y a friend
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
25. com_____ion of structure
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
26. po_____ze society
- v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

ANSWERS: 19. rerun, 20. benevolent, 21. dictator, 22. oligarch, 23. flatter, 24. betray, 25. complication, 26. polarize

27. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
28. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
29. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
30. zealous pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
31. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
32. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
33. po_____ze opinions *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
34. ya_____ck comparison *n.* a long, narrow strip of wood or metal that is marked with measurements, typically used to measure or compare the length, height, or width of something; a standard against which something can be compared or judged
35. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 27. nationalist, 28. benevolent, 29. underestimate, 30. patriot, 31. complication, 32. Christ, 33. polarize, 34. yardstick, 35. nationalist

36. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
37. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
38. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
39. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
40. pr_____st the current political tensions *v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
41. 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
42. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
43. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
44. ya_____ck measurement *n.* a long, narrow strip of wood or metal that is marked with measurements, typically used to measure or compare the length, height, or width of something; a standard against which something can be compared or judged
45. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 36. disgust, 37. tempt, 38. resurgence, 39. resurgence, 40. preexist, 41. fascist, 42. prosperous, 43. inefficient, 44. yardstick, 45. creep

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| 46. se___e her mind | v. | to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship |
| 47. und_____ate the probability | v. | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 48. blind pa_____t | n. | a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required |
| 49. re__n of a TV show | n. | the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again |
| 50. 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 |
| 51. sc___e a hole in the ground | v. | to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter |
| 52. pro_____us nation | adj. | successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 53. corrupt ol_____ch | n. | a member of a small group of people who hold disproportionate power or influence, often in a political or economic context |
| 54. fl_____r his superiors | v. | to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely |

ANSWERS: 46. seduce, 47. underestimate, 48. patriot, 49. rerun, 50. germ, 51. scrape, 52. prosperous, 53. oligarch, 54. flatter

55. se_____ve behavior

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

56. se___e him into crime

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

57. teaching of Ch___t

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

58. co_____e fantasy with reality

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 55. seductive, 56. seduce, 57. Christ, 58. confuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.
 - n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
2. The controversial new law has the potential to _____ the entire nation.
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3. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
 - adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
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ANSWERS: 1. resurgence, 2. polarize, 3. fascist, 4. disgust, 5. creeps, 6. preexisted, 7. yardstick

8. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
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15. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
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ANSWERS: 8. prosperous, 9. oligarch, 10. Christmas, 11. complications, 12. germ, 13. depicted, 14. tempted, 15. nationalist

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

ANSWERS: 16. dictator, 17. benevolent, 18. authoritarian, 19. scraped, 20. confused, 21. seduce, 22. inefficient, 23. underestimated

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ANSWERS: 24. rerun, 25. flatter, 26. patriot, 27. seductive, 28. puppet, 29. betrayed