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### Advanced Words Only

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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.

### rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

### redefine

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym*: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## superficial

*adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

*synonym* : shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

## apologetic

*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

*synonym* : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym* : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## incarcerate

*v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

*synonym* : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym* : dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## 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.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

## disproportionate

*adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

*synonym*: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## 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.

## redline

*n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

*synonym*: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

## segregation

*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

*synonym*: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

**Segregation** based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym*: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## emblem

*n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

*synonym*: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym*: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## cocreate

*v.* to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

## statistician

*n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

*synonym*: actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

## intern

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## bravery

*n.* courage in the face of danger

*synonym*: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

## resilient

*adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

*synonym*: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

## equate

*v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

*synonym*: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

## masculinity

*n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

*synonym*: manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

## 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.

## consciously

*adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

*synonym*: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

## 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.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym*: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_\_\_\_te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
2. nu\_\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
3. br\_\_\_\_\_y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
4. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
5. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
6. family em\_\_\_\_m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
7. mass inc\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
8. 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
9. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
10. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
11. br\_\_\_\_\_y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger

ANSWERS: 1. cocreate, 2. nuanced, 3. bravery, 4. elevate, 5. grapple, 6. emblem, 7. incarceration, 8. stereotype, 9. incarceration, 10. compassionate, 11. bravery

12. 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
13. Je\_\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
14. re\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
15. a national em\_\_\_\_m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
16. con\_\_\_\_ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
17. in a fl\_\_\_\_t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
18. dis\_\_\_\_ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
19. racial seg\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
20. un\_\_\_\_t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
21. a com\_\_\_\_ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 12. oppress, 13. Jewish, 14. reclaim, 15. emblem, 16. consciously, 17. fluent, 18. disproportionate, 19. segregation, 20. unjust, 21. compassionate



22. inc\_\_\_\_\_te the murderer      *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
23. 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
24. co\_\_\_\_\_te our life      *v.* to create something by working with others
25. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (*v.*) to increase the number of rotations per minute
26. fl\_\_\_\_t Chinese      *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
27. cause dis\_\_\_\_\_ate damage      *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
28. d\_\_y gravity      *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
29. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
30. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
31. a hard and re\_\_\_\_\_nt steel      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 22. incarcerate, 23. oppress, 24. cocreate, 25. rev, 26. fluent, 27. disproportionate, 28. defy, 29. supremacy, 30. equate, 31. resilient

32. seg\_\_\_\_\_on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
33. the common but nu\_\_\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
34. professional sta\_\_\_\_\_ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
35. re\_\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
36. inc\_\_\_\_\_te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
37. medical in\_\_\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
38. un\_\_\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
39. in\_\_\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
40. sup\_\_\_\_\_al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

ANSWERS: 32. segregation, 33. nuanced, 34. statistician, 35. reclaim, 36. incarcerate, 37. intern, 38. unjust, 39. intern, 40. superficial

41. re\_\_\_\_e speed *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
42. d\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
43. sup\_\_\_\_\_al wound *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
44. mas\_\_\_\_\_ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
45. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
46. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
47. act con\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
48. environmental sta\_\_\_\_\_ian *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
49. 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: 41. redline, 42. defy, 43. superficial, 44. masculinity, 45. rev, 46. apologetic, 47. consciously, 48. statistician, 49. stereotype

50. el\_\_\_\_e educational standards      *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
51. gr\_\_\_\_e with each other      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
52. toxic mas\_\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
53. apo\_\_\_\_ic letter      *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
54. re\_\_\_\_e level      *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
55. a race for su\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
56. eq\_\_\_\_e to legal responsibility      *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
57. re\_\_\_\_ne our role      *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
58. re\_\_\_\_nt population      *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 50. elevate, 51. grapple, 52. masculinity, 53. apologetic, 54. redline, 55. supremacy, 56. equate, 57. redefine, 58. resilient

59. Je\_\_\_h history

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

60. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 59. Jewish, 60. redefine

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 26. oppressed, 27. supremacy, 28. cocreate, 29. Segregation, 30. rev