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Session 1: Word List

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym: blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

synonym : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

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.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress;
(verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

merciless

adj. showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

synonym : ruthless, cruel, pitiless

(1) **merciless** criticism, (2) a **merciless** killer

The **merciless** dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym : notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

pounce

v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly

synonym : swoop, leap, jump

(1) **pounce** on an opportunity, (2) **pounce** on prey

The cat silently waited to **pounce** on the mouse.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

admittedly

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

synonym : notably, honestly, truly

(1) **admittedly** true, (2) **admittedly** controversial

The book was **admittedly** difficult to follow but still worth reading.

mushy

adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

synonym : sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas

The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

undercurrent

n. a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid

synonym : subterranean flow, hidden emotion

(1) **undercurrent** of hostility, (2) economic **undercurrent**

The **undercurrent** of tension was palpable in the meeting.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

synonym : separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

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.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym: educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

sanctimonious

adj. characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority

synonym: hypocritical, pharisaical, insincere

(1) **sanctimonious** attitude, (2) **sanctimonious** speech

She accused her boss of being a **sanctimonious** hypocrite.

pedestal

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

synonym: base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

convoy

n. a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling

synonym : caravan, procession, escort

(1) **convoy** of trucks, (2) naval **convoy**

The military **convoy** cautiously traveled through the desert, watching for any signs of danger.

grenade

n. a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

synonym : bomb, explosive, shrapnel

(1) **grenade** explosion, (2) smoke **grenade**

The soldier threw a **grenade** to destroy the enemy's bunker.

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.

demean

v. to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated

synonym : lower, degrade, humiliate

(1) **demean** the value, (2) **demean** the reputation

You shouldn't **demean** yourself by taking on tasks beneath your skill level.

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.

destine

- v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

womb

- n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

republican

- n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

institutionalize

- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

upend

- v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain
That work **perpetuates** his fame.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**
An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**
He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice
Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym: exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin
The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. human in _____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
2. rep_____an ideology
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
3. enl_____ed age
adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
4. write on a cl_____rd
n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
5. Rep_____an party
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
6. Je___h culture
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
7. economic to_____t
n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. republican, 3. enlightened, 4. clipboard, 5. republican, 6. Jewish, 7. torment

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| 8. b__y emotion | v. | to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 9. mu__y romance | adj. | soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet |
| 10. in_____ed habit | adj. | deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time |
| 11. und_____ent of hostility | n. | a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid |
| 12. cr__p toward the mouse | v. | to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard |
| 13. hu_____ze a room | v. | to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans |
| 14. the head of a ha_____y | n. | an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open |
| 15. trade im_____ce | n. | a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated |
| 16. de_____e us to meet again | v. | to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |

ANSWERS: 8. bury, 9. mushy, 10. ingrained, 11. undercurrent, 12. creep, 13. humanize, 14. hallway, 15. imbalance, 16. destine

17. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
18. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
19. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
20. economic und_____ent *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
21. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
22. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
23. adm_____ly controversial *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
24. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
25. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
26. cl_____rd with a pen *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

ANSWERS: 17. imbalance, 18. bury, 19. perpetuate, 20. undercurrent, 21. infect, 22. womb, 23. admittedly, 24. destine, 25. unravel, 26. clipboard

27. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
28. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
29. naval co___y *n.* a group of vehicles, ships, or other vessels that travel together, often for protection or mutual support; (verb) to accompany or escort a person or group while traveling
30. h___y atmosphere *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
31. un_____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
32. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
33. de___n the reputation *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
34. san_____ous attitude *adj.* characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority
35. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
36. adm_____ly true *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

ANSWERS: 27. infect, 28. Jewish, 29. convoy, 30. hazy, 31. unravel, 32. greedy, 33. demean, 34. sanctimonious, 35. institutionalize, 36. admittedly

37. self-serving hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
38. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
39. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
40. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
41. without hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
42. gr_____e explosion *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
43. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
44. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 37. hypocrisy, 38. generosity, 39. manifestation, 40. absolve, 41. hypocrisy, 42. grenade, 43. manifestation, 44. torment

45. wax a ha____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
46. mu__y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
47. smoke gr____e *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
48. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
49. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
50. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
51. make an enl____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
52. act con____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
53. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
54. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 45. hallway, 46. mushy, 47. grenade, 48. bully, 49. creep, 50. greedy, 51. enlightened, 52. consciously, 53. chant, 54. chant

55. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
56. de___n the value *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
57. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
58. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
59. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
60. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
61. a stone pe_____al *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
62. ab_____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
63. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
64. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
65. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 55. worthless, 56. demean, 57. perpetuate, 58. institutionalize, 59. intellect, 60. consciously, 61. pedestal, 62. absolve, 63. upend, 64. womb, 65. bully

66. po___e on an opportunity *v.* to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
67. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
68. po___e on prey *v.* to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
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72. h__y dream *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
73. act of gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
74. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

ANSWERS: 66. pounce, 67. spoil, 68. pounce, 69. pedestal, 70. sanctimonious, 71. convoy, 72. hazy, 73. generosity, 74. spoil

75. hu____ze my pet
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
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adj. showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving
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79. in____ed prejudice
adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
80. wo____ss coin
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 75. humanize, 76. merciless, 77. merciless, 78. upend, 79. ingrained, 80. worthless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
 - v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

2. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
 - n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

3. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. chant, 9. hazy, 10. bully, 11. enlightened, 12. upended, 13. clipboard, 14. ingrained, 15. greedy

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n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

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ANSWERS: 24. consciously, 25. merciless, 26. worthless, 27. convoy, 28. grenade, 29. bury, 30. hallway, 31. intellect

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39. The statue was placed on a _____ in the center of the park.
- n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

ANSWERS: 32. generosity, 33. unravel, 34. destined, 35. creeps, 36. imbalance, 37. demean, 38. manifestation, 39. pedestal

40. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 40. institutionalize