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Session 1: Word List

herdsman

- a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
- synonym: shepherd, grazier, rancher
- (1) nomadic **herdsman**, (2) livestock **herdsman**In rural areas, the role of a sheep **herdsman** is vital for managing and caring for the flock.

viol

- a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets,
 played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
- synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument
- (1) viol instrument, (2) viol music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

mustache

- n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
- synonym: whisker
- (1) a gray mustache, (2) big mustache

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

contaminate

- v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
- *synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate
- (1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when

demolishing petroleum plants.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

livelihood

a means of earning money people need to pay for food,
 a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges
Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

cajole

v. to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises

synonym: persuade, coax, wheedle

(1) **cajole** him into an agreement, (2) **cajole** a child into eating vegetables

He tried to cajole his little sister into sharing her toy with him.

pittance

a very small or inadequate amount of money or income;
 a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory

synonym: meager amount, paltry sum, token

(1) live on a pittance, (2) earn a pittance

I work long hours for such a **pittance** of a salary, struggling to make ends meet.

poisonous

 adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

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.

discotheque

 a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) discotheque party, (2) discotheque scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

impractical

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

synonym: impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) impractical idea, (2) impractical solution

It is impractical to expect everyone to work for free.

shroud

 a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym: cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym: cape, mantle, shroud

(1) cloak room, (2) hooded cloak

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

riot

 a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) riot police, (2) riot control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

impenetrable

adj. not able to be passed through, entered, or understood *synonym*: impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

midwife

 a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

paralegal

 a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

synonym: legal assistant, legal secretary, lawyer's assistant

(1) paralegal assistant, (2) paralegal services

The law firm hired a team of **paralegals** to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) barefoot walk, (2) barefoot fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

mystification

- n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulatesynonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion
- (1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

ombudsperson

an official or appointed person who acts as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed

synonym: advocate, mediator

(1) ombudsperson role, (2) ombudsperson office

The student **ombudsperson** at the university helps resolve complaints and disputes between students and the administration.

obsess

 to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

creak

ν. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym: squeak, screak, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

convene

 to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He dedicated his life to helping others.

empower

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something synonym: authorize, endow, entitle
- (1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

evict

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

synonym: oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances *synonym*: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

urgently

 adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required I need to send this email **urgently**.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

tweet

 a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

a chick's tweet,
 his latest tweets
 we could hear the tweet of baby birds.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) avert disaster, (2) avert a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to avert flooding during the rainy season

opportune

 adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

laudable

 adj. deserving praise, admiration, or commendation; worthy of approval or recognition due to its positive qualities or actions

synonym: commendable, praiseworthy, admirable

(1) **laudable** achievement, (2) **laudable** goal Her **laudable** efforts to improve the community were recognized and praised by everyone.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

contentious subject, (2) contentious debate
 There are many contentious issues in claiming a patent.

squeak

to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym: squeal, whine, creak

- (1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak** The door **squeaked** when I opened it.
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

clap

Session 2: Spelling

1. em___r my life

2. shoes cr_k

3. po____us chemicals

4. cl_k room

5. a gray mu____he

6. op____ne occasion

7. begin to cr_k

8. cr e the remains

- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
- v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
- adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
- a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
- an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
- to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
- v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. creak, 3. poisonous, 4. cloak, 5. mustache, 6. opportune, 7. creak, 8. cremate

9.	avt a strike	<i>v</i> .	to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
10.	shd of suspicion	n.	a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
11.	uncnal violation	adj.	not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
12.	baot walk	adj.	without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
13.	intte an opponent	v.	to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
14.	dete a chapter to the subject	ν.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15.	disue party	n.	a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
16.	autian government	adj.	characterized by strict, absolute contro and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
17.	conte with a disease	v.	to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 9. avert, 10. shroud, 11. unconstitutional, 12. barefoot, 13. intimidate, 14. dedicate, 15. discotheque, 16. authoritarian, 17. contaminate

18.	autian practice	adj.	characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
19.	live on a pice	n.	a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory
20.	cae him into an agreement	ν.	to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
21.	poed air	adj.	contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
22.	corle judges	adj.	capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
23.	rt control gas	n.	a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
24.	gre the left shoulder	<i>v</i> .	to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
25.	conus debate	adj.	likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
26.	urly required	adv.	in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 18. authoritarian, 19. pittance, 20. cajole, 21. polluted, 22. corruptible, 23. riot, 24. graze, 25. contentious, 26. urgently

a very small or inadequate amount of 27. earn a pi ce n. money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory 28. ba____ot fashion adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet 29. big mu____he an unshaved growth of hair on the n. upper lip 30. unc____nal action adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state to prevent something dangerous or 31. av t disaster ν. undesirable from happening a stringed instrument, typically with six 32. v linstrument n. strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba 33. omb____son office an official or appointed person who acts n. as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed 34. he is ob___sed with the fear to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else 35. ob___s over her weight to fill the mind of someone continually ν. so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 27. pittance, 28. barefoot, 29. mustache, 30. unconstitutional, 31. avert, 32. viol, 33. ombudsperson, 34. obsess, 35. obsess

36.	serve as mie	n.	a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
37.	turn cattle out to gre	ν.	to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
38.	rt police	n.	a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
39.	cae a child into eating vegetables	v.	to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
40.	cp a book shut	ν.	to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
41.	lale goal	adj.	deserving praise, admiration, or commendation; worthy of approval or recognition due to its positive qualities or actions
42.	evt a person from his home	<i>v</i> .	to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
43.	coe the council	<i>v</i> .	to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
44.	mysion of the public	n.	the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 36. midwife, 37. graze, 38. riot, 39. cajole, 40. clap, 41. laudable, 42. evict, 43. convene, 44. mystification

45.	a chick's twt	n.	a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
46.	insize customary laws	<i>v</i> .	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
47.	impal idea	adj.	not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
48.	evt squatter	<i>v</i> .	to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
49.	a means of livod	n.	a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
50.	tackle the problem urly	adv.	in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
51.	pous plants	adj.	containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
52.	shd of mystery	n.	a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
53.	impble fortress	adj.	not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

ANSWERS: 45. tweet, 46. institutionalize, 47. impractical, 48. evict, 49. livelihood, 50. urgently, 51. poisonous, 52. shroud, 53. impenetrable

54.	cadmium-poed area	adj.	contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
55.	hooded clk	n.	a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
56.	dete a few hours	ν.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
57.	his latest twts	n.	a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
58.	disue scene	n.	a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
59.	effectively intte a thief	v.	to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
60.	insize a system	v.	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
61.	corle officials	adj.	capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
62.	emr the secretary to do the same	<i>v</i> .	to give someone the power or authority to do something
63.	paal assistant	n.	a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

ANSWERS: 54. polluted, 55. cloak, 56. dedicate, 57. tweet, 58. discotheque, 59. intimidate, 60. institutionalize, 61. corruptible, 62. empower, 63. paralegal

64.	livestock hean	n.	a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
65.	coe a press conference	<i>v</i> .	to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
66.	ombson role	n.	an official or appointed person who acts as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed
67.	mysion of the subject	n.	the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
68.	nomadic hean	n.	a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
69.	conus subject	adj.	likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
70.	an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
71.	impal solution	adj.	not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
72.	conte his ego	<i>v</i> .	to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 64. herdsman, 65. convene, 66. ombudsperson, 67. mystification, 68. herdsman, 69. contentious, 70. opportune, 71. impractical, 72. contaminate

73.	through an imp	ble fog	adj.	not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
74.	lale achievement		adj.	deserving praise, admiration, or commendation; worthy of approval or recognition due to its positive qualities or actions
75.	vl music		n.	a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
76.	livod assistance		n.	a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
77.	mice sqk		<i>v</i> .	to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
78.	cre a body		ν.	to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
79.	sqk out a few word	ds	v.	to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
80.	cp my hands		v.	to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
81.	professional mie		n.	a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
82.	paal services		n.	a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

ANSWERS: 73. impenetrable, 74. laudable, 75. viol, 76. livelihood, 77. squeak, 78. cremate, 79. squeak, 80. clap, 81. midwife, 82. paralegal

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ANOMEDO		
ANSWERS:		

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	We along with the singer's song.
v.	to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
2.	I work long hours for such a of a salary, struggling to make ends meet.
n.	a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory
3.	The phone rang at the most time.
adj	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4.	The magician's tricks were a source of for the audience.
n.	the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
5.	The door when I opened it slowly.
<i>v</i> .	to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
6.	The river was with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj	contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
7.	The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to flooding during the rainy season
v.	to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
	SWERS: 1. clapped, 2. pittance, 3. opportune, 4. mystification, 5. creaked, 6. uted, 7. avert

ANSWERS: 8. contaminate, 9. contentious, 10. obsessed, 11. shroud, 12. laudable, 13. riots, 14. viol, 15. unconstitutional

ANSWERS: 24. barefoot, 25. cloak, 26. livelihood, 27. dedicated, 28. impractical, 29. paralegals, 30. evict, 31. urgently

an official or appointed person who acts as an impartial mediator or advocate for fairness and transparency in matters involving disputes or complaints, often within an organization or institution, working to resolve conflicts and ensure that individuals' rights and concerns are considered and addressed

ANSWERS: 32. institutionalize, 33. convene, 34. graze, 35. impenetrable, 36. cremate, 37. squeaked, 38. corruptible, 39. ombudsperson

40.	In rural areas, the role of a sheep	is vital f	for	managing	and	caring	for
	the flock.						

- n. a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
- 41. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
 - n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

ANSWERS: 40. herdsman, 41. midwife