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Session 1: Word List

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym : loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

bastion

n. a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
synonym: stronghold, fortification, bulwark

(1) **bastion** of good sense, (2) a **bastion** against corruption
The ancient fortification served as a **bastion** of defense against invaders for centuries.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
synonym: progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**
His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**
Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

magnetism

n. the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

synonym: attraction, charisma, allure

(1) the **magnetism** of the moon, (2) animal **magnetism**

The child was drawn to the **magnetism** of the colorful toy display in the store.

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.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym : advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym : murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym : inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

silos

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silos**, (2) **silos** organization

The farmer used a **silos** to store feed for the animals.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

morale

n. the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination

synonym : spirit, confidence, optimism

(1) the **morale** of soldiers, (2) improve employee **morale**

The team's **morale** improved after winning the championship.

sects

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sects** beliefs, (2) secret **sects**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

riot

n. 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.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym: waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. com_____te a deed | <i>v.</i> to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute |
| 2. a ba_____n against corruption | <i>n.</i> a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects |
| 3. face rel_____ss pressure | <i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks |
| 4. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 5. the ma_____sm of the moon | <i>n.</i> the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something |
| 6. aggressive in_____ct | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 7. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 8. serial ho_____de | <i>n.</i> the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings |
| 9. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |

ANSWERS: 1. commemorate, 2. bastion, 3. relentless, 4. improvisation, 5. magnetism, 6. instinct, 7. institutionalize, 8. homicide, 9. aspiration

10. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
11. cheer for the un____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
12. 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
13. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. ch____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
15. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
16. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
17. di____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
18. pu____ze research findings *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

ANSWERS: 10. ethos, 11. underdog, 12. republican, 13. opportune, 14. cheaply, 15. trump, 16. innovate, 17. divisive, 18. publicize

19. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
20. buy stock ch_____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
21. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
22. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
23. improve employee mo_____e *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
24. mass ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
25. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
26. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
27. pu_____ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
28. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
29. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 19. liberalism, 20. cheaply, 21. squander, 22. liberalism, 23. morale, 24. homicide, 25. disparity, 26. instinct, 27. publicize, 28. philanthropy, 29. institutionalize

30. 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
31. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
32. the mo_____e of soldiers *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
33. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
34. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
35. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
36. animal ma_____sm *n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
37. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
38. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 30. republican, 31. playbook, 32. morale, 33. commemorate, 34. disparity, 35. bipartisan, 36. magnetism, 37. aspiration, 38. troop

39. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
40. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
41. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
42. ba____n of good sense *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
43. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
44. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
45. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
46. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
47. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 39. troop, 40. trump, 41. sect, 42. bastion, 43. innovate, 44. ethos, 45. capita, 46. riot, 47. sect

48. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
49. classic un_____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
50. sq_____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
51. per ca____a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
52. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
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57. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 48. philanthropy, 49. underdog, 50. squander, 51. capita, 52. opportune, 53. relentless, 54. bipartisan, 55. improvisation, 56. riot, 57. silo

58. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
59. pl____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
60. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

ANSWERS: 58. silo, 59. playbook, 60. divisive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
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ANSWERS: 1. silo, 2. magnetism, 3. cheaply, 4. squandered, 5. divisive, 6. publicize, 7. homicide

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ANSWERS: 15. capita, 16. troop, 17. morale, 18. commemorated, 19. instinct, 20. liberalism, 21. improvisation, 22. republican

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ANSWERS: 23. innovate, 24. bastion, 25. bipartisan, 26. philanthropy, 27. trump, 28. aspiration, 29. opportune, 30. riots

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