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Session 1: Word List

rejuvenate

v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

synonym: revitalize, renew, refresh

(1) **rejuvenate** a downtown area, (2) **rejuvenate** energy

The spa treatment promised to **rejuvenate** her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

staid

adj. sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor

synonym: sedate, serious, grave

(1) **staid** demeanor, (2) **staid** professionalism

The courtroom was filled with **staid** faces as the verdict was read.

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.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym : enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

crystallize

v. to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

synonym : solidify, freeze, shape up

(1) **crystallize** a concept, (2) **crystallize** into reality

As the sugar water cools, it will slowly **crystallize** into rock candy.

dandy

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

synonym : fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

monocle

n. a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past

synonym : eyeglass, eyepiece

(1) **monocle** wearer, (2) antique **monocle**

The gentleman adjusted his **monocle** and glanced around the room with sophistication.

haughty

adj. having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish

synonym : arrogant, proud, disdainful

(1) **haughty** aristocrat, (2) **haughty** remark

His **haughty** attitude and condescending remarks offended those around him.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym : spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

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.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment

After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

synonym: quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

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.

flabbergasted

adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered

synonym: astonished, amazed, stunned

(1) **flabbergasted** expression, (2) **flabbergasted** reaction

I was **flabbergasted** to learn that I had won the scholarship.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

watercolor

n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support

synonym: painting, wash, aquarelle

(1) framed **watercolor**, (2) **watercolor** landscape

The **watercolor** painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cultural ze_____st
n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
2. fla_____ted expression
adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
3. sh____r with delight
v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
4. fine and da__y
n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
5. the sil_____te of a garment
n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
6. in a da__y manner
n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
7. a person's sil_____te
n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
8. 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: 1. zeitgeist, 2. flabbergasted, 3. shiver, 4. dandy, 5. silhouette, 6. dandy, 7. silhouette, 8. stereotype

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| 9. am__e a baby with a rattle | v. | to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh |
| 10. r__r with laughter | v. | to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine |
| 11. am__e guests | v. | to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh |
| 12. mo_____ng period | n. | the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |
| 13. r__r for more | v. | to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine |
| 14. cry_____ze a concept | v. | to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify |
| 15. wat_____or landscape | n. | a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support |
| 16. ca_____te public sentiment | v. | to attract and hold the attention or interest of |
| 17. mo_____e wearer | n. | a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past |
| 18. re_____ge the furniture | v. | to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned |

ANSWERS: 9. amuse, 10. roar, 11. amuse, 12. mourning, 13. roar, 14. crystallize, 15. watercolor, 16. captivate, 17. monocle, 18. rearrange

19. 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
20. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
21. antique mo_____e *n.* a single eyeglass lens, typically a convex lens that is held in place by the muscles around the eye socket rather than by frames, traditionally associated with a specific upper-class or intellectual aesthetic in the past
22. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
23. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
24. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
25. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

ANSWERS: 19. stereotype, 20. institutionalize, 21. monocle, 22. trump, 23. ivory, 24. ivory, 25. zeitgeist

26. framed wat_____or *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
27. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
28. re_____ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
29. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
30. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
31. sh___r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
32. cry_____ze into reality *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
33. st__d demeanor *adj.* sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor
34. rej_____te a downtown area *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
35. st__d professionalism *adj.* sedate, respectable, and unadventurous in style, character, or manner; exhibiting a calm and steady demeanor

ANSWERS: 26. watercolor, 27. institutionalize, 28. rearrange, 29. excite, 30. trump, 31. shiver, 32. crystallize, 33. staid, 34. rejuvenate, 35. staid

36. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
37. fla_____ted reaction *adj.* greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
38. ha_____y aristocrat *adj.* having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish
39. rej_____te energy *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
40. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
41. ha_____y remark *adj.* having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish
42. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

ANSWERS: 36. excite, 37. flabbergasted, 38. haughty, 39. rejuvenate, 40. mourning, 41. haughty, 42. captivate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As the sugar water cools, it will slowly _____ into rock candy.
 - v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

2. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
 - 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

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ANSWERS: 1. crystallize, 2. stereotypes, 3. rearrange, 4. shiver, 5. zeitgeist, 6. monocle

7. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.
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8. I was _____ to learn that I had won the scholarship.
adj. greatly surprised or astonished; shocked or bewildered
9. His _____ attitude and condescending remarks offended those around him.
adj. having or showing an exaggerated sense of superiority, often expressed through an arrogant or disdainful attitude; excessively proud and snobbish
10. The spa treatment promised to _____ her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.
v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
11. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
13. The _____ painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.
n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
14. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 7. silhouette, 8. flabbergasted, 9. haughty, 10. rejuvenate, 11. excited, 12. mourning, 13. watercolor, 14. roared

15. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
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ANSWERS: 15. amused, 16. captivated, 17. dandy, 18. institutionalize, 19. staid, 20. trump, 21. ivory