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Session 1: Word List

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

aura

n. a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object

synonym : ambience, atmosphere, vibe

(1) positive **aura**, (2) **aura** of divinity

He had a mysterious **aura** that made people curious and intimidated.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym : enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book
Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

preferential

adj. showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

synonym: preferential treatment, biased, partial

(1) **preferential** seating, (2) **preferential** pricing

The **preferential** treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

inconsequential

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

synonym: insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect
The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

prism

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym: crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym: cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

transphobia

n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

synonym : gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**

Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

ableism

n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities

synonym : discrimination, bias, prejudice

(1) **ableism** awareness, (2) **ableism** discrimination

Many people with disabilities face **ableism** daily in the workplace or public spaces.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by

a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

manhandle

v. to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally

synonym: handle roughly, grab, wrestle

(1) **manhandle** his property, (2) **manhandle** a piece of furniture

The movers tried to **manhandle** the heavy piano up the stairs but eventually had to call for a crane to lift it.

outcry

n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent

synonym: protest, objection, dissent

(1) a great **outcry**, (2) national **outcry**

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

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.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

cacophony

n. a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

synonym: discord, noise, dissonance

(1) **cacophony** of sound, (2) emotional **cacophony**

The construction next door has created a constant **cacophony** of drilling and hammering.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
2. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. a great ou___y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
4. a pr___m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
5. front fe___r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
6. si___e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
7. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
8. pr___m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 1. heterosexual, 2. confer, 3. outcry, 4. prism, 5. fender, 6. singe, 7. trickle, 8. prism

9. 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
10. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
11. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
12. ma_____le a piece of furniture *v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
13. ab_____m awareness *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
14. inc_____ial effect *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
15. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
16. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
17. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
18. emotional ca_____ny *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds

ANSWERS: 9. mourning, 10. broaden, 11. blacksmith, 12. manhandle, 13. ableism, 14. inconsequential, 15. exceedingly, 16. intersect, 17. suffocate, 18. cacophony

19. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
20. vehicle fe____r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
21. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
22. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
23. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
24. 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
25. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. ab_____m discrimination *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
28. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 19. intersect, 20. fender, 21. policymaker, 22. singe, 23. stomp, 24. mourning, 25. trickle, 26. opportune, 27. ableism, 28. confer

29. ma_____le his property *v.* to handle or move someone or something roughly or awkwardly, often using physical force or without care; to treat someone roughly or brutally
30. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
31. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
32. ca_____ny of sound *n.* a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; a jarring or unpleasant noise or combination of sounds
33. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
34. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
35. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
36. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
37. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. ga____r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 29. manhandle, 30. sociologist, 31. suffocate, 32. cacophony, 33. policymaker, 34. blacksmith, 35. distort, 36. sociologist, 37. opportune, 38. garner

39. positive a__a *n.* a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object
40. a__a of divinity *n.* a distinctive feeling or quality that seems to surround a person or place; a low-level electromagnetic field surrounding a living organism or object
41. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
42. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
43. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
44. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
45. national ou___y *n.* a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
46. inc_____ial details *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
47. overcome tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
48. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
49. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 39. aura, 40. aura, 41. phenomenal, 42. xenophobia, 43. heterosexual, 44. phenomenal, 45. outcry, 46. inconsequential, 47. transphobia, 48. xenophobia, 49. broaden

50. pre_____ial pricing *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
51. pre_____ial seating *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
52. experience tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
53. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
54. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
55. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
56. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 50. preferential, 51. preferential, 52. transphobia, 53. exceedingly, 54. distort, 55. stomp, 56. garner

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
 - v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

2. Many people with disabilities face _____ daily in the workplace or public spaces.
 - n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities

3. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
 - v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

4. The scientist used an optical _____ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.
 - n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

5. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
 - v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

6. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of _____ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
 - n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

ANSWERS: 1. suffocate, 2. ableism, 3. distort, 4. prism, 5. garner, 6. transphobia

7. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
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8. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.
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17. The mistake was _____ and did not significantly impact the outcome.

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

18. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

19. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

20. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

21. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

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ANSWERS: 16. manhandle, 17. inconsequential, 18. opportune, 19. xenophobia, 20. Policymakers, 21. confer, 22. preferential

23. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
24. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.
adv. to an extreme degree
25. He had a _____ bender last night.
n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
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ANSWERS: 23. blacksmith, 24. exceedingly, 25. fender, 26. stomped, 27. heterosexual, 28. cacophony