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Session 1: Word List

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

crotch

n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

synonym : groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym : passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment
She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

sparse

adj. only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area

synonym : scarce, exiguous, infrequent

(1) a **sparse** population, (2) **sparse** snowfall

There is a **sparse** area between galaxies.

whisker

n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

synonym : hair, whisk, bristle

(1) **whisker** trimming, (2) box- **whisker** chart

The cat's **whiskers** twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.

pimple

n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish

synonym : blemish, zit, spot

(1) **pimple** treatment, (2) get rid of a **pimple**

The **pimple** outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym: abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(*noun*) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the

fragility of human health.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

able-bodied

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

synonym: capable, fit, healthy

(1) **able-bodied** worker, (2) **able-bodied** athlete

The job posting required an **able-bodied** person for heavy lifting.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____t in a jail
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
2. co_____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. a pounding he_____at
n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
4. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
5. co_____t him of manslaughter
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
6. pe_____y into stone
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
7. wh_____r trimming
n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
8. em_____ss political enemy
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
9. em_____ss my project
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
10. cr____h portion
n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

ANSWERS: 1. convict, 2. confuse, 3. heartbeat, 4. confuse, 5. convict, 6. petrify, 7. whisker, 8. embarrass, 9. embarrass, 10. crotch

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| 11. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 12. who_____ted support | <i>adj.</i> sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment |
| 13. so_____al expectations | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships |
| 14. pr_____n usage | <i>n.</i> a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it" |
| 15. so_____al norms | <i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships |
| 16. tra_____er rights | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth |
| 17. the onset of pu_____y | <i>n.</i> the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction |
| 18. pr_____e growth | <i>adj.</i> abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something |
| 19. pr_____e apologies | <i>adj.</i> abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something |
| 20. a sp_____e population | <i>adj.</i> only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area |
| 21. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 22. am_____y the effect | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |

ANSWERS: 11. frightening, 12. wholehearted, 13. societal, 14. pronoun, 15. societal, 16. transgender, 17. puberty, 18. profuse, 19. profuse, 20. sparse, 21. afterward, 22. amplify

23. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
24. no_____ry gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
25. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
26. sp____e snowfall *adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
27. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
28. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
29. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
30. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
31. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
32. pe_____y with fear *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

ANSWERS: 23. transgender, 24. nonbinary, 25. heartbeat, 26. sparse, 27. amplify, 28. sculpt, 29. afterward, 30. mismatch, 31. congressperson, 32. petrify

33. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
34. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
35. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
36. pi____e treatment *n.* a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
37. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
38. no_____ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
39. abl_____ed athlete *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
40. box-wh_____r chart *n.* any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge

ANSWERS: 33. congressperson, 34. pronoun, 35. onslaught, 36. pimple, 37. misconception, 38. nonbinary, 39. able-bodied, 40. whisker

41. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
42. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
43. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
44. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
45. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
46. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
47. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
48. get rid of a pi____e *n.* a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
49. abl_____ed worker *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
50. cr____h of trousers *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

ANSWERS: 41. wholehearted, 42. puberty, 43. sculpt, 44. frightening, 45. mismatch, 46. onslaught, 47. misconception, 48. pimple, 49. able-bodied, 50. crotch

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
2. There is a _____ area between galaxies.
adj. only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
3. The cat's _____ twitched as it watched the birds outside the window.
n. any of the long, stiff hairs that grow near the face of certain animals, such as cats or rats; a long, thin, projecting piece or part, such as an antenna or a protruding edge
4. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.
v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
5. She put her _____ effort into finishing the project on time.
adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
6. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
7. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.
adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

ANSWERS: 1. societal, 2. sparse, 3. whiskers, 4. mismatch, 5. wholehearted, 6. pronouns, 7. nonbinary

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adv. after the time mentioned
9. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
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10. New York is the commercial _____ of America.
n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
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v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
12. There are numerous _____ about food and health.
n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
13. The _____ outbreak on his face made him feel self-conscious.
n. a small, inflamed spot or swelling on the surface of the skin, typically caused by clogged pores or sebaceous glands; a colloquial term for an acne blemish
14. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
15. You might need to _____ this point.
v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
16. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 8. afterward, 9. embarrass, 10. heartbeat, 11. sculpting, 12. misconceptions, 13. pimple, 14. confused, 15. amplify, 16. transgender

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adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

18. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

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19. The job posting required an _____ person for heavy lifting.

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

20. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.

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ANSWERS: 17. profuse, 18. frightening, 19. able-bodied, 20. petrify, 21. convicted, 22. crotch, 23. onslaught, 24. congressperson

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- n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

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