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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

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.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

caveat

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

synonym: warning, caution, admonition

(1) a **caveat** against unfair practices, (2) general **caveat**

We often ignore important **caveats** from nature.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

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.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

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.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym: belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

portrayal

n. a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

synonym: depiction, representation, characterization

(1) **portrayal** representation, (2) accurate **portrayal**

Critics praised her **portrayal** of the character.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

circumference

n. the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area

synonym: perimeter, edge, outer boundary

(1) angle of **circumference**, (2) chest **circumference**

The **circumference** of the earth is approximately 24,901 miles.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

intern

- v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

objectify

- v. to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires

synonym : treat as an object, dehumanize, depersonalize

(1) **objectify** the individual, (2) sexually **objectify**

The media tends to **objectify** women by focusing on their physical appearance rather than accomplishments.

unpack

- v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym : dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

ideate

v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

synonym : conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.

incongruous

adj. not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or environment; not fitting or appropriate; lacking in congruity or consistency

synonym : inconsistent, incompatible, inappropriate

(1) **incongruous** behavior, (2) **incongruous** statement

His loud and flamboyant personality was **incongruous** with the quiet and reserved atmosphere of the library.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child
The friend's death **awakens** them.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

avenge

v. to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

synonym: retaliate, revenge, requite

(1) **avenge** a friend, (2) **avenge** an injustice

He sought to **avenge** his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.

demography

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

synonym: population statistics, human ecology

(1) **demography** study, (2) the city's **demography** report

The **demography** of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

stipulate

v. to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

synonym: specify, require, demand

(1) **stipulate** conditions, (2) **stipulate** the deadline

The contract **stipulates** that the work must be completed within six months.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym : discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

multiplex

n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

synonym : multiplexer, complex, cinema

(1) **multiplex** telegraphy, (2) **multiplex** DNA analysis

The new **multiplex** cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

Session 2: Spelling

1. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
2. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
3. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
4. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. inc_____us behavior *adj.* not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or environment; not fitting or appropriate; lacking in congruity or consistency
6. mu_____ex telegraphy *n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
7. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
8. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. storytelling, 3. lucrative, 4. industrious, 5. incongruous, 6. multiplex, 7. depress, 8. protagonist

9. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
10. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
11. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
12. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
13. dem_____hy study *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
14. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
15. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. id___e solutions *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
17. chest cir_____nce *n.* the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area
18. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
19. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another

ANSWERS: 9. eradicate, 10. transgender, 11. lucrative, 12. visionary, 13. demography, 14. trait, 15. opportune, 16. ideate, 17. circumference, 18. unpack, 19. intersect

20. fo___d the use of chemical weapons
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
21. medical in___n
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
22. de___d of life
adj. completely lacking or free from something
23. mu_____ex DNA analysis
n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
24. per_____te chronic pain
v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
25. dis_____fy the users with bugs
v. to fail to satisfy someone
26. fo___d smoking in public areas
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
27. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
28. tumor of w__b
n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 20. forbid, 21. intern, 22. devoid, 23. multiplex, 24. perpetuate, 25. dissatisfy, 26. forbid, 27. industrious, 28. womb

29. angle of cir_____nce
n. the distance around the outside of a circular or curved object or area
30. av___e an injustice
v. to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
31. pro_____st of drama
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
32. wear ma_____ne attire
adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
33. sexually ob_____fy
v. to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires
34. courtroom sto_____ing
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
35. ma_____ne beauty
adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
36. a ca___t against unfair practices
n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
37. st_____te the deadline
v. to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

ANSWERS: 29. circumference, 30. avenge, 31. protagonist, 32. masculine, 33. objectify, 34. storytelling, 35. masculine, 36. caveat, 37. stipulate

38. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
39. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
40. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
41. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
42. id___e process *v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
43. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
44. st_____te conditions *v.* to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
45. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
46. accurate po_____al *n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama
47. av___e a friend *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
48. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 38. devoid, 39. unpack, 40. awaken, 41. unleash, 42. ideate, 43. unleash, 44. stipulate, 45. awaken, 46. portrayal, 47. avenge, 48. eradicate

49. 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
50. exc_____ary clause *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
51. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
52. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
53. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
54. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
55. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 49. transgender, 50. exclusionary, 51. exclusionary, 52. impatience, 53. intern, 54. underrepresented, 55. opportune, 56. depress

57. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
58. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
59. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
60. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
61. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
62. general ca____t *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
63. the city's dem_____hy report *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
64. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
65. ob_____fy the individual *v.* to treat or represent someone or something as an object, without regard for their dignity or worth; to view or depict someone as a mere physical entity rather than as a complex person with feelings, thoughts, and desires
66. po_____al representation *n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

ANSWERS: 57. trait, 58. intersect, 59. impatience, 60. dissatisfy, 61. perpetuate, 62. caveat, 63. demography, 64. visionary, 65. objectify, 66. portrayal

67. inc_____us statement *adj.* not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or environment; not fitting or appropriate; lacking in congruity or consistency
68. adv_____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
69. adv_____ous interest rate *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
70. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
71. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
72. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 67. incongruous, 68. advantageous, 69. advantageous, 70. womb, 71. underrepresented, 72. rev

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.
adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
2. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
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n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
4. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.
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5. We often ignore important _____ from nature.
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ANSWERS: 1. masculine, 2. transgender, 3. storytelling, 4. lucrative, 5. caveats, 6. incongruous, 7. Underrepresented

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ANSWERS: 8. eradicate, 9. dissatisfy, 10. unpack, 11. circumference, 12. demography, 13. multiplex, 14. objectify

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29. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 23. womb, 24. intersect, 25. visionary, 26. opportune, 27. rev, 28. stipulates, 29. industrious, 30. impatience

31. He sought to _____ his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.
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