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Session 1: Word List

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

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**.

shortcoming

n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

synonym: deficiency, fault, weakness

(1) have a serious **shortcoming**, (2) the **shortcoming** in the system

The company's main **shortcoming** was a lack of innovation.

topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym : overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

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.

apolitical

adj. not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

synonym : nonpartisan, impartial, unbiased

(1) **apolitical** stance, (2) **apolitical** organization

The nonprofit organization remains **apolitical** and does not endorse any political candidates.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym : deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing

complex tasks.

morgue

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

synonym: mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**

The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

euphoria

n. a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure

synonym: elevation, bliss, elation

(1) experience **euphoria**, (2) **euphoria-inducing** drug

Winning the lottery brought a feeling of **euphoria** to the lucky winner.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

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.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat

misinformation on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific

misinformation about vaccines.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and

causing trouble.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

oust

v. to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition

synonym : expel, depose, drive out

(1) **oust** the chairman, (2) **oust** him from his post

Higher capacity storage media have **ousted** floppy disks.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

brevity

n. the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time

synonym : briefness, shortness, conciseness

(1) for the sake of **brevity**, (2) **brevity** of life

Unnecessary information has been omitted for **brevity**.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

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.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the
zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dec_____ize organizational structure | v. | to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones |
| 2. te_____y people | v. | to frighten someone very much |
| 3. the legal bat_____und | n. | a place where a battle is fought |
| 4. o__t the chairman | v. | to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition |
| 5. animal ma_____re | n. | the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals |
| 6. am_____y the effect | v. | to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 7. em_____r my life | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 8. pa_____ze a person | v. | to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel |
| 9. pa_____ze a city | v. | to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel |
| 10. a ut___a for an engineer | n. | an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity |
| 11. de_____d a steep hill | v. | to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood |

ANSWERS: 1. decentralize, 2. terrify, 3. battleground, 4. oust, 5. massacre, 6. amplify, 7. empower, 8. paralyze, 9. paralyze, 10. utopia, 11. descend

12. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
13. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
14. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
15. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
16. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
18. o__t him from his post *v.* to force someone out of a position of power, job, place, or competition
19. he____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
20. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
21. for the sake of br____y *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
22. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 12. rethink, 13. troll, 14. misinformation, 15. liberate, 16. opportune, 17. liberate, 18. oust, 19. helpless, 20. motto, 21. brevity, 22. disbeliever

23. have a serious sho_____ng *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
24. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
25. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
26. ha_____ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
27. to___e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
28. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
29. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
30. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
31. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
32. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 23. shortcoming, 24. misinformation, 25. tweet, 26. handcuff, 27. topple, 28. empower, 29. helpless, 30. amplify, 31. dictator, 32. opportune

33. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
34. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
35. break free from ha_____ffs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
36. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
37. to___e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
38. suppress di_____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
39. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
40. overcrowded mo_____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
41. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

ANSWERS: 33. polarization, 34. aspiring, 35. handcuff, 36. rumor, 37. topple, 38. divisive, 39. kidnapping, 40. morgue, 41. magnify

42. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
43. di_____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
44. 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
45. perfect ut____a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
46. the sho_____ng in the system *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
47. experience eu_____ia *n.* a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure
48. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
49. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
50. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
51. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
52. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 42. massacre, 43. divisive, 44. rev, 45. utopia, 46. shortcoming, 47. euphoria, 48. captivity, 49. battleground, 50. mute, 51. terrifying, 52. troll

53. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
54. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
55. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
56. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
57. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
58. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
59. apo_____al organization *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
60. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
61. apo_____al stance *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
62. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 53. crowdsourcing, 54. magnify, 55. terrify, 56. dictator, 57. polarization, 58. rethink, 59. apolitical, 60. tweet, 61. apolitical, 62. disbeliever

63. th___t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
64. br_____y of life *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
65. clinical mo___e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
66. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
67. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
68. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
69. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
70. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
71. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 63. thirst, 64. brevity, 65. morgue, 66. decentralize, 67. captivity, 68. descend, 69. kidnapping, 70. crowdsourcing, 71. blindfold

72. eu____ia-inducing drug *n.* a feeling of intense happiness, excitement, or delight; a state of extreme joy or pleasure
73. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
74. 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
75. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
76. have as____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
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79. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
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ANSWERS: 72. euphoria, 73. motto, 74. rev, 75. rumor, 76. aspiring, 77. terrifying, 78. blindfold, 79. mute, 80. thirst

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
 - v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
2. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
 - n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
3. The nonprofit organization remains _____ and does not endorse any political candidates.
 - adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
4. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
 - v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
5. Unnecessary information has been omitted for _____.
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6. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.
 - adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
7. I feel so _____ without you.
 - adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 1. magnify, 2. troll, 3. apolitical, 4. liberated, 5. brevity, 6. mute, 7. helpless

8. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
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ANSWERS: 8. dictator, 9. morgue, 10. handcuffs, 11. kidnapping, 12. motto, 13. blindfold

14. Higher capacity storage media have _____ floppy disks.
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15. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
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18. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
19. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
20. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
21. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
22. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 14. ousted, 15. paralyzed, 16. utopia, 17. terrify, 18. rethink, 19. terrifying, 20. divisive, 21. descended, 22. disbeliever

23. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

24. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily _____ over.

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

25. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.

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26. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

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n. a place where a battle is fought

30. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 23. thirst, 24. toppled, 25. crowdsourcing, 26. massacre, 27. shortcoming, 28. rev, 29. battleground, 30. polarization

31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

32. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

33. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

34. Pandas rarely breed in _____.

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

35. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

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37. Winning the lottery brought a feeling of _____ to the lucky winner.

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38. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 31. opportune, 32. rumor, 33. aspiring, 34. captivity, 35. decentralize, 36. tweet, 37. euphoria, 38. empowered

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40. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 39. misinformation, 40. amplify