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Session 1: Word List

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

cardiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

synonym : heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**
My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**
The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym: veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

detrimental

adj. causing harm or damage

synonym: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym: beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

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.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym : tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

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.

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.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym : dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

tokenism

n. the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality

synonym : insincerity, lip service

(1) an act of **tokenism**, (2) criticized for its **tokenism**
The company was accused of **tokenism** for only hiring one woman for the ten-person team.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. d__m socially responsible | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 2. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 3. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 4. the pa_____x of the heap | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 5. skilled car_____ist | <i>n.</i> a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system |
| 6. I__ked behind the words | <i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal |
| 7. a beautiful sy_____ny | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements |
| 8. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |

ANSWERS: 1. deem, 2. determinant, 3. determinant, 4. paradox, 5. cardiologist, 6. lurk, 7. symphony, 8. paradox

9. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
10. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. det_____al to good health *adj.* causing harm or damage
12. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
13. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
14. ac_____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
15. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
16. month's ou_____t *n.* the beginning of something
17. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
18. music au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
19. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
20. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 9. slam, 10. opportune, 11. detrimental, 12. ubiquitous, 13. hallway, 14. accuse, 15. trickle, 16. outset, 17. lurk, 18. audition, 19. hijab, 20. dictate

21. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
22. det_____al eating habits *adj.* causing harm or damage
23. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
24. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
25. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
26. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
27. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
28. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
29. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 21. deem, 22. detrimental, 23. accusation, 24. masculine, 25. accusation, 26. monologue, 27. ironic, 28. dictate, 29. sentimental

30. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
31. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
32. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
33. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
34. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
35. criticized for its to_____sm *n.* the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality
36. car_____ist appointment *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
37. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
38. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 30. oppress, 31. masculine, 32. accuse, 33. ubiquitous, 34. oppress, 35. tokenism, 36. cardiologist, 37. sentimental, 38. symphony

39. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
40. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
41. an act of to_____sm *n.* the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality
42. dance au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
43. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
44. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
45. the ou___t of the crisis *n.* the beginning of something
46. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

ANSWERS: 39. slam, 40. monologue, 41. tokenism, 42. audition, 43. vernacular, 44. hallway, 45. outset, 46. opportune, 47. trickle

48. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
49. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
50. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 48. hijab, 49. vernacular, 50. ironic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
2. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
5. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.
v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
6. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
7. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.
n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

ANSWERS: 1. monologue, 2. symphony, 3. opportune, 4. ironic, 5. trickle, 6. dictated, 7. audition

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n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
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adj. causing harm or damage
10. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
11. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
12. My grandfather is seeing a _____ to monitor his heart condition.
n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
13. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
14. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
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v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
16. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 8. vernacular, 9. detrimental, 10. hallway, 11. sentimental, 12. cardiologist, 13. hijab, 14. deemed, 15. slammed, 16. accused

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- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
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21. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
22. Sugar is _____ in food.
- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
23. The company was accused of _____ for only hiring one woman for the ten-person team.
- n.* the practice of making a minimal effort to be inclusive or diverse, often by including a small number of people from underrepresented groups in a token or symbolic way, without making any real changes to the systems or structures that maintain inequality

ANSWERS: 17. lurks, 18. determinant, 19. oppressed, 20. accusation, 21. paradox, 22. ubiquitous, 23. tokenism

24. 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

25. At the _____ of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

n. the beginning of something

ANSWERS: 24. masculine, 25. outset