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Session 1: Word List

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something
synonym: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

pager

n. a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

synonym: beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

ebb

n. the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

synonym: regression, decline, (verb) decrease

(1) **ebb** and flow, (2) at a low **ebb**

The tide was at its **ebb**, revealing the sandy beach.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite;
to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

ism

n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory

synonym: ideology, doctrine, philosophy

(1) the diversity of **isms**, (2) different **isms**

The professor discussed the impact of various **isms** on society and how they have shaped our world.

schism

n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief

synonym: division, separation, split

(1) **schism** within the community, (2) political **schism**

The church split into two factions during the **schism** in the 15th century.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

paramilitary

adj. relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces

(1) **paramilitary** personnel, (2) **paramilitary** operation

The **paramilitary** group was responsible for maintaining security in the region.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

tutelage

n. the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

synonym : mentoring, guidance, apprenticeship

(1) **tutelage** of young learners, (2) provide **tutelage**

The student was under the **tutelage** of a well-known scholar.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

commuter

n. a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car

synonym : traveler, passenger

(1) **commuter** shuttle, (2) daily **commuter**

The **commuter** train was delayed due to a signal failure on the line.

stint

n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

synonym : period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym : murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. different i_ms | <i>n.</i> a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory |
| 2. hu____ze my pet | <i>v.</i> to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans |
| 3. co____er shuttle | <i>n.</i> a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car |
| 4. pr____h the gospel | <i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 5. sc____m within the community | <i>n.</i> a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief |
| 6. act of au____ty | <i>n.</i> boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless |
| 7. daily co____er | <i>n.</i> a person who regularly travels long distances between their home and place of work, typically by public transportation or car |
| 8. tu____ge of young learners | <i>n.</i> the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé |

ANSWERS: 1. ism, 2. humanize, 3. commuter, 4. preach, 5. schism, 6. audacity, 7. commuter, 8. tutelage

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| 9. sh__e hamburger into my mouth | v. | to push someone or something in a rough way |
| 10. sh__e a person aside | v. | to push someone or something in a rough way |
| 11. st__k up the place | v. | to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical |
| 12. hu____ze a room | v. | to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans |
| 13. pr____e the modern age | v. | to have existed or happened earlier than something |
| 14. pr___h to the masses | v. | to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience |
| 15. par______ary operation | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces |
| 16. st__k badly | v. | to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical |
| 17. at a low e_b | <i>n.</i> | the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede |
| 18. pa__r beep | <i>n.</i> | a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings |
| 19. violent up____ng | <i>n.</i> | a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority |

ANSWERS: 9. shove, 10. shove, 11. stink, 12. humanize, 13. predate, 14. preach, 15. paramilitary, 16. stink, 17. ebb, 18. pager, 19. uprising

20. political sc___m *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
21. mass ho____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
22. police se____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
23. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
24. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
25. dis____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
26. the diversity of i_ms *n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
27. pr____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
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29. tr____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 20. schism, 21. homicide, 22. sergeant, 23. mantra, 24. impoverished, 25. disappoint, 26. ism, 27. predate, 28. impoverished, 29. transcend

30. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
31. st__t of work *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
32. prison st__t *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
33. e_b and flow *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
34. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
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38. ca_____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 30. contradict, 31. stint, 32. stint, 33. ebb, 34. transcend, 35. sergeant, 36. paramilitary, 37. mantra, 38. callous

39. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
40. wireless pa__r service *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
41. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
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43. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
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47. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
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ANSWERS: 39. extravagant, 40. pager, 41. disappoint, 42. callous, 43. excite, 44. homicide, 45. contradict, 46. excite, 47. uprising, 48. tutelage

49. au____ty of hope

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

50. ext_____nt expenses

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

ANSWERS: 49. audacity, 50. extravagant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 16. stint, 17. paramilitary, 18. excited, 19. commuter, 20. homicide, 21. extravagant, 22. schism, 23. tutelage

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