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Session 1: Word List

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym : platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

leaflet

n. a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

synonym : pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise

awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

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.

subside

v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

synonym: decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym: lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

harpoon

n. a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or

capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon

synonym : spear, lance, arrow

(1) **harpoon** fishing, (2) **harpoon** the giant octopus

The whaling industry declined as countries began to ban the use of **harpoons**

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

beagle

n. a small dog with a smooth coat, long ears, and a strong sense of smell, used for hunting hares

synonym : hound, dog, pup

(1) legal **beagle**, (2) **beagle** nose

His pet **beagle** sniffed at the ground, following the rabbit's trail.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to

push its agenda.

vandal

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

synonym: destroyer, defacer, hooligan

(1) teenage **vandal**, (2) graffiti **vandal**

The city installed security cameras to deter **vandals** from damaging public property.

arsonist

n. a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes

synonym: firebug, pyromaniac, fire-starter

(1) juvenile **arsonist**, (2) serial **arsonist**

The insurance company suspected the property owner of being the **arsonist** for financial gain.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym : illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym : level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

slaughterhouse

n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym : abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

uproar

n. a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent

synonym : commotion, fuss, disturbance

(1) a clamorous **uproar**, (2) political **uproar**

The **uproar** caused by the announcement of the layoffs was heard throughout the office.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

write-up

n. a written report, summary, or evaluation; an article or piece of writing that provides information or analysis about a particular subject or event; a formal or official

document or record

synonym : article, report, review

(1) **write-up** of the event, (2) negative **write-up**

I must submit a **write-up** of my research findings to my supervisor by the end of the week.

blurb

n. a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

synonym : summary, synopsis, review

(1) a **blurb** on a book, (2) website **blurb**

The book jacket included a captivating **blurb** that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.

unwavering

adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment

synonym : steadfast, resolute, firm

(1) **unwavering** commitment, (2) **unwavering** confidence

She showed **unwavering** loyalty to her friend through thick and thin.

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym : discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

Session 2: Spelling

1. website bl__b *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
2. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
3. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
4. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
5. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
6. juvenile ar_____st *n.* a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes
7. a clamorous up___r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent

ANSWERS: 1. blurb, 2. barb, 3. blur, 4. prosecute, 5. blur, 6. arsonist, 7. uproar

8. di____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
9. female la____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
10. incumbent la____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
11. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
12. radical ex____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
13. legal be____e *n.* a small dog with a smooth coat, long ears, and a strong sense of smell, used for hunting hares
14. a bl__b on a book *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
15. bu____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
16. with no di____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

ANSWERS: 8. dissent, 9. lawmaker, 10. lawmaker, 11. terrify, 12. extremist, 13. beagle, 14. blurb, 15. bulldoze, 16. dissent

17. su____e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
18. information le____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
19. fl____h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
20. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
21. wr____up of the event *n.* a written report, summary, or evaluation; an article or piece of writing that provides information or analysis about a particular subject or event; a formal or official document or record
22. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
23. sla_____use facility *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
24. fl____h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
25. ha____n fishing *n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon

ANSWERS: 17. subside, 18. leaflet, 19. flinch, 20. spontaneously, 21. write-up, 22. extremist, 23. slaughterhouse, 24. flinch, 25. harpoon

26. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
27. be____e nose *n.* a small dog with a smooth coat, long ears, and a strong sense of smell, used for hunting hares
28. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
29. editorial tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
30. the position of tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
31. teenage va____l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
32. political up____r *n.* a state of loud and confused noise and excitement, especially caused by public protest or dissent
33. ha_____n the giant octopus *n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon

ANSWERS: 26. exposition, 27. beagle, 28. terrify, 29. tribune, 30. tribune, 31. vandal, 32. uproar, 33. harpoon

34. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
35. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
36. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
37. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
38. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
39. bu_____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
40. unw_____ng confidence *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
41. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
42. negative wr_____up *n.* a written report, summary, or evaluation; an article or piece of writing that provides information or analysis about a particular subject or event; a formal or official document or record

ANSWERS: 34. spontaneously, 35. obsess, 36. obsess, 37. exposition, 38. unconstitutional, 39. bulldoze, 40. unwavering, 41. prosecute, 42. write-up

43. su____e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
44. sla_____use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
45. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
46. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
47. graffiti va___l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
48. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
49. political le____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
50. serial ar____st *n.* a person who intentionally sets fire to property or structures, often for malicious or criminal purposes

ANSWERS: 43. subside, 44. slaughterhouse, 45. nonviolence, 46. barb, 47. vandal, 48. nonviolence, 49. leaflet, 50. arsonist

51. unw_____ng commitment

adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment

52. unc_____nal violation

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

ANSWERS: 51. unwavering, 52. unconstitutional

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
 - n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

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3. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.
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ANSWERS: 1. exposition, 2. leaflets, 3. nonviolence, 4. tribune, 5. write-up

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8. The storm _____ leaving the town in peace.
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13. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.
v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

ANSWERS: 6. obsessed, 7. unwavering, 8. subsided, 9. prosecute, 10. barbs, 11. lawmakers, 12. uproar, 13. flinch

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ANSWERS: 14. slaughterhouse, 15. beagle, 16. extremist, 17. dissent, 18. harpoons, 19. bulldozed, 20. unconstitutional

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ANSWERS: 21. spontaneously, 22. blur, 23. blurb, 24. terrify, 25. arsonist, 26. vandals