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Session 1: Word List

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional climax, (2) reach a climax

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their

seats.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) homophobia awareness, (2) homophobia in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

epithet

 a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic

synonym: nickname, moniker, label

(1) literary **epithets**, (2) offensive **epithet**He was given the **epithet** "The King of Rock and Roll" for his iconic contributions to music.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym: dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success
He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

overwhelm

- v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebodysynonym: conquer, crush, dominate
- (1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

filmmaker

- n. a person who makes films, typically as a professionsynonym: director, producer, cinematographer
- (1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

yell

- v. to shout in a sudden and loud way synonym: shout, scream, cry
- (1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

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When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

instinct

 an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct** When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

reshape

- v. to change the form or structure of something synonym: alter, adjust, modify
- (1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial segregation, (2) segregation of powerSegregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

galvanize

- v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
 synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate
- (1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

 The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

stonewall

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

synonym: obstruct, block, impede

(1) **stonewall** the investigation, (2) **stonewall** their attempts The government **stonewalled** the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.

patron

 a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

- the patron saint of a place, (2) political patron
 they have been a patron of this restaurant for many years.
- a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd,
 characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson,
 and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

riot

(1) riot police, (2) riot control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passingsynonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned **Incidentally**, I know the answer to that question.

Latina

 a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage

synonym: Hispanic woman

(1) Latina community, (2) Latina actress

She is the first **Latina** senator in the country's history.

rebellion

 an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) rebellion leader, (2) excite rebellion

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

seminal

adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

synonym: influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) seminal research, (2) seminal duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

testament

 a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

fervent

adj. characterized by intense or passionate emotion or enthusiasm; showing great warmth or devotion

synonym: ardent, passionate, enthusiastic

(1) fervent supporter, (2) fervent belief

She had a **fervent** desire to pursue her passion and make a difference in the world.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

energize

to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) energize the body, (2) energize a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

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.

groundwork

 the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something

synonym: foundation, base, cornerstone

(1) groundwork foundation, (2) groundwork study

They laid the **groundwork** for the new project by conducting thorough research.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex synonym: straight, conventional

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(1) heterosexual relationship,	(2) heterosexual marriage
He identified as heterosexual	and had never considered
being with someone of the sam	ne gender.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

mast

- *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
- (1) mast height, (2) built-up mast

The main cabin is located in front of the mast.

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.

blueprint

 a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint** A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

turnaround

n. the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something

synonym: recovery, improvement, reversal

(1) miraculous **turnaround**, (2) **turnaround** strategy
The company's **turnaround** was a result of new management strategies.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

revile

- v. to criticize, condemn, or verbally abuse someone or something in a highly insulting or contemptuous manner
 synonym: criticize, condemn, vilify
- (1) **revile** a political opponent, (2) **revile** a celebrity It is not right to **revile** someone based on their appearance or background.

inauguration

 the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym: ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

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.

disobedience

- the act of refusing or failing to follow orders or rules synonym: rebelliousness, insubordination, defiance
- (1) disobedience to authority, (2) civil disobedience The **disobedience** of the soldiers resulted in a court martial.

nonviolence

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.

- the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium synonym: foundation, foundation stone, base
- (1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

segregate

- to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic synonym: isolate, separate, divide
- (1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls The school board decided to segregate students by the ability to meet their needs better.

mosque

- a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
- (1) domed mosque, (2) the sacred mosque Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

synagogue

n. (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue** We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

victorious

adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym: triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army
The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

Session 2: Spelling

systems

1.	yI as loud as we can	ν.	to shout in a sudden and loud way
2.	reach a clx	<i>n</i> .	the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
3.	medical inn	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
4.	offensive ept	n.	a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic
5.	ret being called a fool	<i>v</i> .	to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
6.	bek geology	n.	the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
7.	enze a team	<i>v</i> .	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
8.	directly intect with those	<i>v</i> .	to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 1. yell, 2. climax, 3. intern, 4. epithet, 5. resent, 6. bedrock, 7. energize, 8. interconnect

yell, 15. patron, 16. opportune, 17. testament, 18. segregation, 19. victorious

ANSWERS: 20. seminal, 21. mast, 22. testament, 23. fervent, 24. filmmaker, 25. pervasive, 26. groundwork, 27. excite, 28. monumental, 29. synagogue, 30. instinct

believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 31. disobedience, 32. stonewall, 33. blueprint, 34. nonviolence, 35. epithet, 36. mosque, 37. rebellion, 38. heterosexual, 39. revile, 40. sever

ANSWERS: 49. fervent, 50. filmmaker, 51. rebellion, 52. instinct, 53. incidentally, 54. victorious, 55. seminal, 56. forebear, 57. monumental, 58. patron, 59. segregation

60.	ovlm opponents by numbers	<i>v</i> .	to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
61.	enze the body	ν.	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
62.	insize a system	<i>v</i> .	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
63.	presidential inaion	n.	the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
64.	ret their success	v.	to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
65.	sete by race	v.	to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
66.	turnd strategy	n.	the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
67.	a de fao government	adj.	of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
	human activities intect with the environment	ν.	to connect similar things
	SWERS: 60. overwhelm, 61. energize, 6ent, 65. segregate, 66. turnaround, 67. f		

69.	ser a rope	ν.	to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
70.	homia awareness	n.	a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
'1.	built-up mt	n.	a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
72.	domed moe	n.	a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
73.	ree my thoughts	v.	to change the form or structure of something
74.	inclly discovered	adv.	by the way; as an aside or in passing
75.	inaion ceremony	n.	the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
'6.	inn 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

ANSWERS: 69. sever, 70. homophobia, 71. mast, 72. mosque, 73. reshape, 74. incidentally, 75. inauguration, 76. intern

84. historical syue	n.	(also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
85. insize customary laws	<i>v</i> .	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
86. exe rebellion	ν.	to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. Laa community	n.	a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
88. miraculous turnd	n.	the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
89. hetual relationship	adj.	attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
90. bek foundation	n.	the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
91. rt police	n.	a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
92. stIl the investigation	ν.	to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
93. r_t control gas	n.	a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
ANSWERS: 84. synagogue, 85. institution 89. heterosexual, 90. bedrock, 91. riot, 92		

- 94. He was ov____Inled with gratitude
- using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

95. re____e education policy

v. to change the form or structure of something

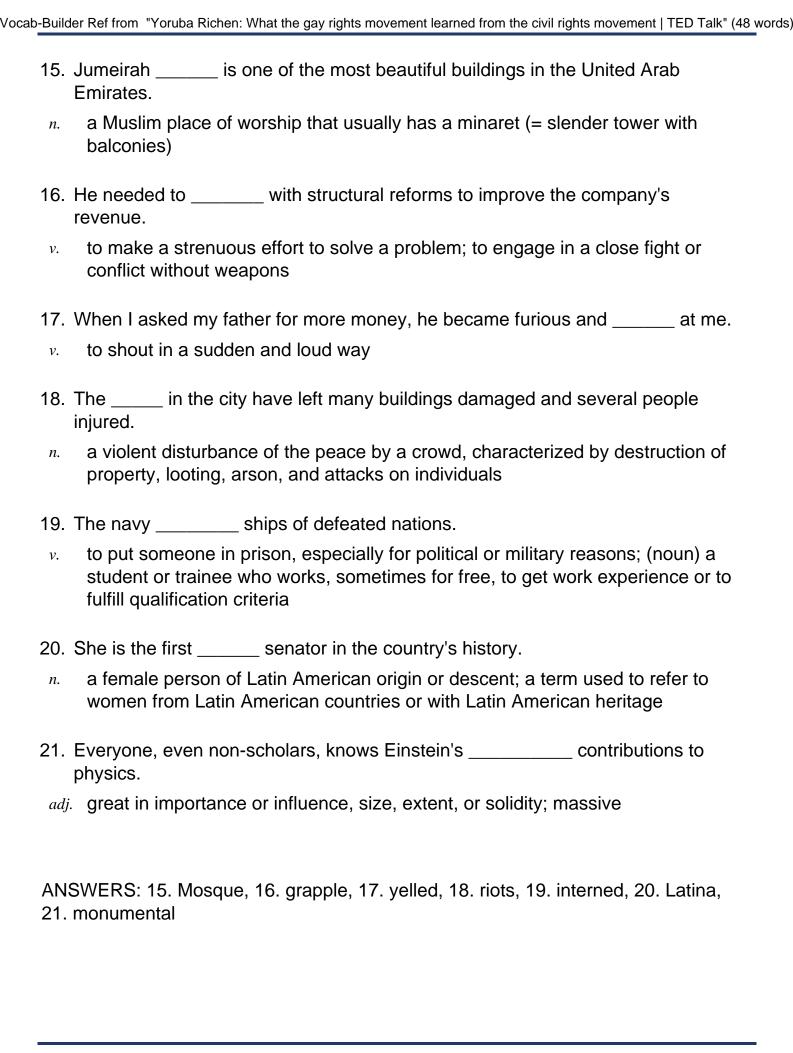
96. bo____t the discussion

ν. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

ANSWERS: 94. overwhelm, 95. reshape, 96. boycott

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The antigovernment was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n.	an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
2.	When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial was to flee.
n.	an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
3.	A business plan is a for your success.
n.	a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
4.	His was one of the first settlers in the area.
n.	an ancestor or a precursor
5.	His wealth is a to his success.
n.	a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
6.	The South African government enforced laws that segregated people based on race.
n.	a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
7.	The motivational speech the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
<i>v</i> .	to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
	SWERS: 1. rebellion, 2. instinct, 3. blueprint, 4. forebear, 5. testament, 6. artheid, 7. galvanized



22.	The beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.
n.	the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
23.	Many people have decided to the company due to their unethical practices.
v.	to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
24.	They have been a of this restaurant for many years.
n.	a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
25.	Too much variety may and confuse viewers.
v.	to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
26.	The phone rang at the most time.
adj	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27.	Suspicion and worry were in our minds.
adj	spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
28.	The motivational speaker the crowd with their words.
ν.	to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
29.	The company's was a result of new management strategies.
n.	the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
	SWERS: 22. bedrock, 23. boycott, 24. patron, 25. overwhelm, 26. opportune, 27. vasive, 28. energized, 29. turnaround

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