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Session 1: Word List

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym : sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

defamation

n. the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name

synonym: slander, libel, denigration

(1) spreading **defamation**, (2) false **defamation**

The celebrity filed a **defamation** lawsuit against the tabloid for spreading false rumors.

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.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

enshrine

v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

fatwa

n. a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues

synonym : edict, ruling, decree

(1) **fatwa** decree, (2) religious **fatwa**

The religious leader issued a **fatwa** condemning the violent actions.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately

interrogate the witness.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym : cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym : frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

adultery

n. voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

synonym : infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

illegitimate

adj. not legally valid or recognized

synonym : unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

cleric

n. a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities

synonym: minister, priest, pastor

(1) **cleric** robe, (2) Muslim **cleric**

The archbishop is the highest-ranking **cleric** in the diocese.

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.

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.

sharia

n. the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah

synonym: Islamic law, legal system, canon law

(1) **sharia** compliance, (2) **sharia** court

Many countries follow the principles of **sharia** law in their legal systems.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

flog

v. to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure

synonym : whip, beat, lash

(1) **flog** a car, (2) **flog** a dead horse

The teacher threatened to **flog** the misbehaving student if he didn't settle down.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

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.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

opine

v. to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something

synonym: think, believe, suppose

(1) **opine** on the matter, (2) **opine** about politics

I **opine** that investing in renewable energy sources is the key to a sustainable future.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym: whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

haram

adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

synonym : forbidden, prohibited

(1) **haram** food, (2) **haram** activity

The community leaders worked to educate people about **haram** practices that are not allowed in their faith.

Session 2: Spelling

1. earlier emotional br___e
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
2. 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
3. cou_____us rescue attempt
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
4. political tr____r
n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
5. co_____n crime
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
6. an ill_____ate occupation
adj. not legally valid or recognized
7. cr__p along the leaf
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
8. en_____ne memories
v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
9. livid br___e
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
10. spreading def_____on
n. the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name

ANSWERS: 1. bruise, 2. oppress, 3. courageous, 4. traitor, 5. condemn, 6. illegitimate, 7. creep, 8. enshrine, 9. bruise, 10. defamation

11. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
12. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
14. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
15. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
16. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
17. false def_____on *n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name
18. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
19. cl__k room *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
20. op__e on the matter *v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something

ANSWERS: 11. frenzy, 12. empower, 13. rumor, 14. condemn, 15. detain, 16. villain, 17. defamation, 18. empower, 19. cloak, 20. opine

21. in___e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
22. sh___a court *n.* the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah
23. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
24. fa__a decree *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
25. Muslim cl___c *n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities
26. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
27. en____ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
28. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
29. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 21. incite, 22. sharia, 23. detain, 24. fatwa, 25. cleric, 26. tweet, 27. enshrine, 28. imam, 29. sermon

30. commit ad_____ry *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
31. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
32. f__g a car *v.* to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure
33. regular be_____e *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
34. buying fr____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
35. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
36. be____y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
37. official spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
38. f__g a dead horse *v.* to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure

ANSWERS: 30. adultery, 31. prostitute, 32. flog, 33. bedtime, 34. frenzy, 35. oppressive, 36. betray, 37. spokesperson, 38. flog

39. be_____e meditation *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
40. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
41. religious fa__a *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
42. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
43. company spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
44. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
45. notorious tr_____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
46. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 39. bedtime, 40. imam, 41. fatwa, 42. courageous, 43. spokesperson, 44. betray, 45. traitor, 46. interrogate

47. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
48. ill_____ate claim *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
49. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
50. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
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52. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
53. sh___a compliance *n.* the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah
54. inf_____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
55. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
56. in___e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

ANSWERS: 47. interrogate, 48. illegitimate, 49. villain, 50. tweet, 51. haram, 52. ignite, 53. sharia, 54. inferiority, 55. quitter, 56. incite

57. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
58. trending ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
59. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
60. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
61. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
62. marked with a ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
63. op__e about politics *v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something
64. ha__m food *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
65. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
66. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 57. daring, 58. hashtag, 59. daring, 60. harass, 61. quitter, 62. hashtag, 63. opine, 64. haram, 65. disturb, 66. lash

67. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
68. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
69. inf_____ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
70. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
71. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
72. ad_____ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
73. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
74. l__h the oxen *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
75. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 67. harass, 68. disturb, 69. inferiority, 70. oppressive, 71. cloak, 72. adultery, 73. sermon, 74. lash, 75. prostitute

76. cl___c robe *n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities
77. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
78. 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
79. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
80. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 76. cleric, 77. ignite, 78. oppress, 79. rumor, 80. creep

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.
n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

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6. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
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ANSWERS: 1. cloak, 2. traitor, 3. defamation, 4. cleric, 5. sermon, 6. tweet

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14. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
adj. brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 7. fatwa, 8. condemned, 9. courageous, 10. empowered, 11. harassed, 12. inferiority, 13. frenzy, 14. daring

15. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
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ANSWERS: 15. oppressive, 16. interrogate, 17. betrayed, 18. quitter, 19. rumor, 20. incite, 21. bedtime, 22. villain

23. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
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24. He had an _____ child that he never acknowledged.
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ANSWERS: 32. enshrines, 33. opine, 34. hashtag, 35. adultery, 36. oppressed, 37. detained, 38. ignited, 39. imam's

40. The teacher threatened to _____ the misbehaving student if he didn't settle down.
- v. to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure

ANSWERS: 40. flog