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Session 1: Word List

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

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.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym : cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

turnout

n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

synonym : attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people

The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym : poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

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.

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.

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.

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.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym: authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

mistrust

v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

synonym: doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

opportunistic

adj. making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle

synonym: timeserving, conciliatory

(1) **opportunistic** fungus, (2) **opportunistic** behavior

Many of the party's members joined for simply **opportunistic** reasons.

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
2. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
3. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
4. an enormous tu_____t of people *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
5. di_____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
6. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
7. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
8. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
9. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 1. pessimistic, 2. pessimistic, 3. secondly, 4. turnout, 5. dissent, 6. ambiguity, 7. disturb, 8. paralyze, 9. opportune, 10. paralyze

11. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
12. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. un___l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
15. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
16. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
17. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
18. opp_____tic behavior *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
19. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
20. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 11. institutionalize, 12. veil, 13. opportune, 14. unveil, 15. empower, 16. fascist, 17. elector, 18. opportunistic, 19. dissent, 20. secondly

21. opp_____tic fungus *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
22. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
23. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
24. und_____ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
25. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
26. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
27. poor and und_____ged elderly *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
28. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
29. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
30. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 21. opportunistic, 22. veil, 23. fascist, 24. underprivileged, 25. ambiguity, 26. disturb, 27. underprivileged, 28. institutionalize, 29. preach, 30. elector

31. mi____st the government *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
32. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
33. mi____st a young man *v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
34. un____l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
35. the voter tu____t *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
36. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 31. mistrust, 32. empower, 33. mistrust, 34. unveil, 35. turnout, 36. preach

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
2. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
3. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
4. The gig attracted a large _____.
n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
5. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
6. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
7. She was unduly _____ about her future.
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
8. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 1. preached, 2. elector, 3. fascist, 4. turnout, 5. veil, 6. secondly, 7. pessimistic, 8. institutionalize

9. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.
n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
10. The company plans to _____ its new product at the trade show next week.
v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
11. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
12. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
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v. to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
16. The _____ children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.
adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
17. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. dissent, 10. unveil, 11. paralyzed, 12. empowered, 13. disturb, 14. opportunistic, 15. mistrusted, 16. underprivileged, 17. opportune

18. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 18. ambiguity