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Session 1: Word List

elector

- n. a person who has the right to vote in an electionsynonym: voter, constituent, citizen
- presidential elector, (2) qualified for an elector
 The elector cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance The club **president** does not have absolute power.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) appoint members, (2) appoint the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber mannersynonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a formal festival, (2) formal request

The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

vice

 wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

statistics

- n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
- (1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process** The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

sect

 a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) sect beliefs, (2) secret sect

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

clause

 a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

synonym: article, provision, stipulation

(1) clause in contract, (2) a main clause

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

specification

 a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options synonym: choose, determine, settle

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(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

congress

 a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress Congress** must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

representative

 someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

an official representative, (2) sales representative
 media representatives had special passes.

senator

 a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior senator, (2) senator term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

district

a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same **Essentially**, a society is an organism.

democracy

 a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

candidate

- n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant synonym: applicant, nominee, contender
- (1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

surpass

- v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
 synonym: excel, outdo, outperform
- (1) surpass imagination, (2) surpass \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

presidency

 the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym: leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

population

the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population** In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

census

 an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

synonym: count, survey, enumeration

(1) census data, (2) population census

The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.

conduct

- v. to organize and carry out a particular activity synonym: behave, lead, carry on
- (1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

voter

a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible voter, (2) voter apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) tricky problem, (2) a tricky recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

occasion

 a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

- (1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.
- n. the space around the edge of a page or document;

(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and

synonym: edge, border, periphery

services sold

(1) margin error, (2) a profit margin

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

remaining

 adj. left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition

synonym: leftover, residual, remaining

(1) remaining time, (2) remaining balance

The **remaining** supplies were quickly distributed among the survivors of the natural disaster.

margin

secured

adj. fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger

synonym: safe, protected, guaranteed

(1) secured loans, (2) secured credit card

The **secured** room was only accessible with a special key card.

ballot

- n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an electionsynonym: vote, poll, election
- (1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assing or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) cast a ballot, (2) cast a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

nation

 a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art critic, (2) severe critic

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or

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reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

advantage

 a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

jersey

 a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) jersey material, (2) fabric of the jersey

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

geography

- n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth synonym: landscape, terrain, topography
- (1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography** She did well on her **geography** exam.

ignore

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to synonym: neglect, disregard, shun
- (1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

cycle

 an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material cycle.

teeter

v. to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes

synonym: wobble, totter, sway

(1) **teeter** on the edge, (2) **teeter** on the brink
The drunk man tried to **teeter** along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.

magic

 beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a magic spell, (2) she is magic

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

Session 2: Spelling

el__t death

2. a main cl___e

3. pr nt emeritus

4. have an un___r advantage

5. pre____cy term

6. urban di___cts

7. tr___y problem

8. decision-making pr___s

- v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
- a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
- n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
- adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
- the office or term of the President of a country or organization
- a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
- adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
- n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 1. elect, 2. clause, 3. president, 4. unfair, 5. presidency, 6. district, 7. tricky, 8. process

a member of a legislative body, 9. se___r term n. especially a member of the U.S. Senate 10. el t the school board to choose someone for a specific ν. position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something the space around the edge of a page or 11. ma___n error n. document: (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold to express differing opinions or points of 12. ar e passionately view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others a formal meeting of the representatives 13. an international co ss n. of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups 14. co____t a background check to organize and carry out a particular ν. activity to cause light or shadow to appear on a 15. c t a charming eye ν. surface; to assing or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process 16. become ess____ly same adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything a member of a legislative body, 17. junior se____r n. especially a member of the U.S. Senate beliefs and actions employed to 18. a ma c spell n.

ANSWERS: 9. senator, 10. elect, 11. margin, 12. argue, 13. congress, 14. conduct, 15. cast, 16. essentially, 17. senator, 18. magic

influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that

invokes supernatural powers

19. su s \$20 billion in sales to be or do better than someone or ν. something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something 20. an b mind adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity 21. pop____on change the total number of people in a country, n. region, or location 22. severe cr___c someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. 23. a fo___I festival adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner a person who is seeking or being 24. PhD ca____te n. considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant 25. de cy advocate a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so 26. school di___cts a part of a country or town, especially n. one with particular features 27. sales rep____ive someone who speaks or acts officially n. on behalf of another person or group of people 28. na n-state a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture 29. a tr___y recipe to follow adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 19. surpass, 20. numb, 21. population, 22. critic, 23. formal, 24. candidate, 25. democracy, 26. district, 27. representative, 28. nation, 29. tricky

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ANSWERS: 30. candidate, 31. formal, 32. membership, 33. cast, 34. membership, 35. unfair, 36. capture, 37. nation, 38. conduct, 39. advantage

a condition or circumstance that puts n. one in a favorable or superior position;

a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

the space around the edge of a page or n. document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 40. elector, 41. sect, 42. ballot, 43. congress, 44. argue, 45. remaining, 46. advantage, 47. jersey, 48. margin

47. fabric of the je___y

48. a profit ma n

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ANSWERS: 49. entitle, 50. decide, 51. jersey, 52. ignore, 53. numb, 54. presidency, 55. constitution, 56. capture, 57. critic, 58. census

59.	gehy class	n.	a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
60.	official stacs	n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
61.	presidential elr	n.	a person who has the right to vote in an election
62.	ene him to a pension	v.	to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
63.	the cye of the seasons	n.	an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
64.	economic gehy	n.	a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
65.	ter on the edge	<i>v</i> .	to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
66.	go to the workplace by cye	n.	an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
67.	dee on a course of action	v.	to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
68.	stacs for cancer	n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 59. geography, 60. statistics, 61. elector, 62. entitle, 63. cycle, 64. geography, 65. teeter, 66. cycle, 67. decide, 68. statistics

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ANSWERS: 77. appoint, 78. democracy, 79. voter, 80. president, 81. representative, 82. census, 83. teeter, 84. ignore, 85. clause

ANSWERS: 86. magic, 87. voter, 88. population, 89. specification, 90. vice, 91. surpass, 92. occasion, 93. remaining

94. Rep___an party

95. pr___s improvement

96. se____d credit card

97. v e-chair of the committee

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	My left arm became
adj	 unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
2.	The food chain causes a material
n.	an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
3.	Every five years, the provincial governors are
v.	to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
4.	The of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n.	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5.	often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n.	a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
3 .	One of the main of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n.	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
7.	The employee was to a week of vacation time.
<i>v</i> .	to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
	SWERS: 1. numb, 2. cycle, 3. elected, 4. nation, 5. Democracy, 6. advantages, 7. itled

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