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Session 1: Word List

- lug** v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
synonym : carry, haul, transport
(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room
He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- applause** n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim
(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**
The **applause** burst from the audience.
- confuse** v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
synonym : confound, obscure, disorient
(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.
- aft** adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view
The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

misconstrue

v. to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread

synonym: misinterpret, misunderstand, misconceive

(1) **misconstrue** meaning, (2) **misconstrue** intentions

It is important not to **misconstrue** her words, as she meant it positively.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea
He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language
I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**
I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse
He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

tutti

n. a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously

synonym : all, together, harmony

(1) **tutti** line, (2) **tutti** orchestra
The choir sang **tutti** in harmony during the chorus.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mis_____and entirely about her | v. | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 2. im_____e animal sounds | v. | to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something |
| 3. co_____e fantasy with reality | v. | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 4. remains of br__h | n. | a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 5. str_____ry greenhouse | n. | a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top |
| 6. a_t cabin | adj. | (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle |
| 7. happen to ov_____ar a conversation | v. | to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge |
| 8. gr__t a customer | v. | to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 9. mis_____and each other | v. | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 10. the str_____ry pie | n. | a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top |

ANSWERS: 1. misunderstand, 2. imitate, 3. confuse, 4. broth, 5. strawberry, 6. aft, 7. overhear, 8. greet, 9. misunderstand, 10. strawberry

11. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
12. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
13. mis_____ue intentions *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
14. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
15. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
16. tu__i line *n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously
17. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
18. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 11. aisle, 12. stereotype, 13. misconstrue, 14. hijack, 15. hijack, 16. tutti, 17. lug, 18. Arabic

19. mis_____ue meaning *v.* to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread
20. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
21. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
22. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
23. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
24. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
25. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
26. accidentally ov_____ard their talk *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
27. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
28. tu__i orchestra *n.* a musical term used to indicate that all instruments or voices are to play or sing together; the section of a musical composition where all instruments or voices are playing simultaneously

ANSWERS: 19. misconstrue, 20. applause, 21. imitate, 22. greet, 23. aft, 24. applause, 25. lug, 26. overhear, 27. aisle, 28. tutti

29. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
30. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
31. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
32. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 29. broth, 30. stereotype, 31. Arabic, 32. confuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

2. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

3. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

4. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

5. It is important not to _____ her words, as she meant it positively.
v. to misunderstand or misinterpret the meaning, intention, or significance of something; to misjudge or misread

6. The choir sang _____ in harmony during the chorus.
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7. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
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8. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
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ANSWERS: 1. applause, 2. confused, 3. imitated, 4. misunderstand, 5. misconstrue, 6. tutti, 7. greeted, 8. aisle

9. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
10. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
11. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
- n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
12. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
13. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
14. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
15. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 9. stereotypes, 10. Arabic, 11. strawberry, 12. hijack, 13. lug, 14. aft, 15. broth

16. She was inside at the time and _____ the conversation.

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

ANSWERS: 16. overheard