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Session 1: Word List

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.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

refreshments

n. small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily

synonym: snacks, beverages, treats

(1) appetizing **refreshments**, (2) buffet **refreshments**

The hotel offers complimentary **refreshments** for guests in the lobby.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

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.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym : cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

dislocate

v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

synonym : displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym : fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

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.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

indigent

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

synonym : deprived, impoverished, needy

(1) **indigent** population, (2) **indigent** elderly

The charity organization provides aid and support to **indigent** communities.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

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.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

inducement

n. something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive

synonym : incentive, motivation, persuasion

(1) financial **inducement**, (2) criminal **inducement**

The company offered a lucrative **inducement** to attract new employees.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

synonym : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym : marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

snub

v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

synonym: ignore, reject, slight

(1) **snub** a request, (2) **snub** a celebrity

He decided to **snub** his former friend after a major disagreement.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

modesty

n. the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

synonym: humility, reserve, bashfulness

(1) behave with **modesty**, (2) **modesty** panel

Many people with true talent show a sense of **modesty** rather than arrogance.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym: seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

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

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

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

bedrock

n. 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.

calamity

n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

synonym: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

polarize

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

synonym: divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____nt elderly *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
2. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
3. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
4. buying fr____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
5. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
6. s__b a celebrity *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
7. ma____n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
8. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. indigent, 2. rumor, 3. cynical, 4. frenzy, 5. solvable, 6. snub, 7. madden, 8. excite

9. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
10. in_____nt population *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
11. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
12. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
13. three-page ha_____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
14. ma___n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
15. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
16. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
17. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
18. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
19. solve the ri___e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
20. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 9. demise, 10. indigent, 11. disastrous, 12. rumor, 13. handout, 14. madden, 15. pragmatic, 16. cynical, 17. exaggerate, 18. wed, 19. riddle, 20. widen

21. be____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
22. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
23. di_____te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
24. fr____y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
25. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
26. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
27. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
28. po_____ze opinions *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
29. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
30. de____e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
31. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 21. bedrock, 22. yell, 23. dislocate, 24. frenzy, 25. pew, 26. confer, 27. arrogant, 28. polarize, 29. paradoxical, 30. demise, 31. widen

32. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
33. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
34. financial ind_____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
35. Rep_____an party *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
36. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
37. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
38. sl___r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
39. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
40. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

ANSWERS: 32. sliver, 33. saltwater, 34. inducement, 35. republican, 36. bedrock, 37. disastrous, 38. sliver, 39. trajectory, 40. austerity

41. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
42. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
43. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
44. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
45. a dire ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
46. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
47. ri___e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
48. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
49. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
50. behave with mo_____y *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

ANSWERS: 41. trajectory, 42. libertarian, 43. tweak, 44. arrogant, 45. calamity, 46. yell, 47. riddle, 48. verge, 49. paradoxical, 50. modesty

51. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
52. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
53. ou____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
54. criminal ind____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
55. po____ze society *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
56. lib____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
57. buffet ref____nts *n.* small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily
58. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
59. so____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 51. scour, 52. tweak, 53. outweigh, 54. inducement, 55. polarize, 56. libertarian, 57. refreshments, 58. pew, 59. solvable

60. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
61. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
62. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
63. financial ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
64. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
65. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
66. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
67. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
68. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
69. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
70. w_d the rich man *v.* to marry someone
71. di_____te my shoulder *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

ANSWERS: 60. handout, 61. austerity, 62. scour, 63. calamity, 64. saltwater, 65. excite, 66. pragmatic, 67. confer, 68. unproductive, 69. outweigh, 70. wed, 71. dislocate

72. mo____y panel *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
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74. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
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76. rep____an ideology *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
77. in an unp____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
78. appetizing ref____nts *n.* small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily

ANSWERS: 72. modesty, 73. snub, 74. verge, 75. exaggerate, 76. republican, 77. unproductive, 78. refreshments

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.
n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
2. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
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3. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.
v. to marry someone
4. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
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ANSWERS: 1. sliver, 2. pews, 3. wed, 4. frenzy, 5. handouts, 6. unproductive, 7. solvable

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10. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
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11. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
12. The _____ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.
n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
13. He decided to _____ his former friend after a major disagreement.
v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
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ANSWERS: 8. arrogant, 9. disastrous, 10. cynical, 11. maddened, 12. bedrock, 13. snub, 14. dislocated, 15. paradoxical

16. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the _____ philosophy of the media.
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23. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
- adj.* practical rather than idealistic

ANSWERS: 16. libertarian, 17. exaggerated, 18. riddle, 19. tweak, 20. rumor, 21. scour, 22. polarize, 23. pragmatic

24. The charity organization provides aid and support to _____ communities.
adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
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ANSWERS: 24. indigent, 25. modesty, 26. verge, 27. demise, 28. austerity, 29. refreshments, 30. inducement

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ANSWERS: 31. excited, 32. calamity, 33. trajectory, 34. widened, 35. saltwater, 36. confer, 37. republican, 38. yelled

39. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

ANSWERS: 39. outweigh