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## Session 1: Word List

### quirk

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

*synonym* : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

### tickle

*v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

*synonym* : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

### heterosexual

*adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

*synonym* : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

### Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**nun** *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community  
*synonym*: sister, religious, monastic  
(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**  
The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

**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.

**profuse** *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something  
*synonym*: abundant, plentiful, excessive  
(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies  
The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

**mosque** *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)  
(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**  
Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

**demolish** *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something  
*synonym*: destroy, wreck, level  
(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge  
The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

**riot** *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson,

and attacks on individuals

*synonym* : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

## unrest

*n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

*synonym* : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

## revisit

*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

*synonym* : reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

## distill

*v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

*synonym* : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

## patriotic

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

*synonym* : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its

neighbors.

## **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.

## **converse**

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym*: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## **empathy**

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. the sacred mo___e     | <i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)   |
| 2. un___t in the city    | <i>n.</i> a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace  |
| 3. di___l information    | <i>v.</i> to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements  |
| 4. het_____ual marriage  | <i>adj.</i> attracted to individuals of the opposite sex  |
| 5. chicken br__h         | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews                                    |
| 6. domed mo___e          | <i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)   |
| 7. r__t police           | <i>n.</i> a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals |
| 8. em_____y for patients | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation                                  |
| 9. re_____t a place      | <i>v.</i> to go to a place again, especially after a long period  |
| 10. cause un___t         | <i>n.</i> a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace  |

ANSWERS: 1. mosque, 2. unrest, 3. distill, 4. heterosexual, 5. broth, 6. mosque, 7. riot, 8. empathy, 9. revisit, 10. unrest

11. de\_\_\_\_sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
12. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
13. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
14. pa\_\_\_\_ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
15. ti\_\_\_\_e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
16. ti\_\_\_\_e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
17. personality qu\_\_k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
18. the geo\_\_\_\_cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
19. reduce geo\_\_\_\_cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 11. demolish, 12. Christ, 13. aft, 14. patriotic, 15. tickle, 16. tickle, 17. quirk, 18. geopolitical, 19. geopolitical

20. co\_\_\_\_se with an acquaintance      *v.* to talk informally
21. a\_t cabin      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
22. het\_\_\_\_\_ual relationship      *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
23. ask a co\_\_\_\_se question      *v.* to talk informally
24. pr\_\_\_\_e growth      *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
25. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic duty      *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
26. before Ch\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
27. n\_n habit      *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
28. pr\_\_\_\_e apologies      *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
29. de\_\_\_\_sh a bridge      *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
30. re\_\_\_\_t an old friend      *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 20. converse, 21. aft, 22. heterosexual, 23. converse, 24. profuse, 25. patriotic, 26. Christ, 27. nun, 28. profuse, 29. demolish, 30. revisit

31. meditating n\_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
32. di\_\_\_\_l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
33. a qu\_\_k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
34. remains of br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
35. r\_\_t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
36. full of em\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 31. nun, 32. distill, 33. quirk, 34. broth, 35. riot, 36. empathy



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.  
*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
3. The cloistered \_\_\_\_ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.  
*n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
4. She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her thoughts into a more manageable list.  
*v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
5. These models explain why you can't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.  
*v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
6. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.  
*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.  
*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 1. aft, 2. Christmas, 3. nun, 4. distill, 5. tickle, 6. revisit, 7. riots

8. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
9. The recent political \_\_\_\_\_ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
10. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
11. The country holds dominant \_\_\_\_\_ power over its neighbors.
- adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
12. He was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt with the American flag on it.
- adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
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- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
14. He identified as \_\_\_\_\_ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
- adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
15. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.
- v.* to talk informally

ANSWERS: 8. Empathy, 9. unrest, 10. quirks, 11. geopolitical, 12. patriotic, 13. Mosque, 14. heterosexual, 15. converse

16. The city decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

17. The flu caused a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of sweating and fever.

- adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

18. 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: 16. demolish, 17. profuse, 18. broth