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Advanced Words Only

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Session 1: Word List

gerrymander

v. to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group

synonym: manipulate, tamper, falsify

(1) **gerrymander** the voting boundaries, (2) **gerrymander** the upcoming election

Politicians often **gerrymander** electoral districts in their favor.

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.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill

to the floor for a vote.

salamander

n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

synonym: amphibian

(1) terrestrial **salamander**, (2) semiaquatic **salamander**

We plan to raise a giant **salamander** as a pet.

gazette

n. a newspaper or official publication, typically containing public notices, announcements, and official information;
(verb) to publish or announce in an official gazette

synonym: newspaper, journal, periodical

(1) official **gazette**, (2) legal **gazette**

I found an interesting article about gardening in the local **gazette**.

viola

n. a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower

synonym: alto violin, viola da gamba, viola d'amore

(1) **viola** section, (2) pick up a **viola**

She had been playing the **viola** for over a decade.

bloc

n. a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

synonym: group, alliance, coalition

(1) **bloc** countries, (2) a **bloc** of developing nations

The country decided to join the economic **bloc** to benefit from the trade agreements.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

Session 2: Spelling

1. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
2. b__c countries *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
3. 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
4. semiaquatic sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
5. vi__a section *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
6. legal ga_____e *n.* a newspaper or official publication, typically containing public notices, announcements, and official information; (verb) to publish or announce in an official gazette
7. pick up a vi__a *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. dilute, 2. bloc, 3. republican, 4. salamander, 5. viola, 6. gazette, 7. viola, 8. republican

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| 9. di___e acid with water | <i>v.</i> | to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it |
| 10. Se___e Finance Committee | <i>n.</i> | a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |
| 11. ger_____er the upcoming election | <i>v.</i> | to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group |
| 12. official ga_____e | <i>n.</i> | a newspaper or official publication, typically containing public notices, announcements, and official information; (verb) to publish or announce in an official gazette |
| 13. a b__c of developing nations | <i>n.</i> | a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together |
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ANSWERS: 9. dilute, 10. Senate, 11. gerrymander, 12. gazette, 13. bloc, 14. Senate, 15. salamander, 16. gerrymander

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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 - v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group

2. She had been playing the _____ for over a decade.
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3. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
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ANSWERS: 1. gerrymander, 2. viola, 3. Senate, 4. salamander, 5. gazette, 6. republican, 7. diluted

8. The country decided to join the economic _____ to benefit from the trade agreements.
- n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

ANSWERS: 8. bloc