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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.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

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**.

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.

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.

advantage

n. 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.

district

n. 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.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design
She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**
He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
synonym: cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide
The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

voter

n. 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.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

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.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle
The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit
All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ca___e barn | <i>n.</i> cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals |
| 2. score an ad_____ge | <i>n.</i> a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has |
| 3. di___e a great idea | <i>v.</i> to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it |
| 4. legal 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 |
| 5. an eligible vo__r | <i>n.</i> a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election |
| 6. ca___e hide | <i>n.</i> cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals |
| 7. become ess_____ly same | <i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything |
| 8. a prefectural go_____or | <i>n.</i> the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province |
| 9. su_____nd a town | <i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody |
| 10. technical dr_____g | <i>n.</i> the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material |

ANSWERS: 1. cattle, 2. advantage, 3. dilute, 4. gazette, 5. voter, 6. cattle, 7. essentially, 8. governor, 9. surround, 10. drawing

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| 11. se_____te video into chapter | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 12. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 13. pr_____nt emeritus | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 14. pr_____le outcome | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true |
| 15. terrestrial sal_____er | <i>n.</i> any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed |
| 16. sur_____ng areas | <i>adj.</i> that is near or around, or closely encircling something |
| 17. vi__a section | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower |
| 18. di___e acid with water | <i>v.</i> to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it |
| 19. decision-making pr_____s | <i>n.</i> 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: 11. separate, 12. creative, 13. president, 14. probable, 15. salamander, 16. surrounding, 17. viola, 18. dilute, 19. process

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| 20. adamantly d__y killing | <i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something |
| 21. go_____or general | <i>n.</i> the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province |
| 22. computer op_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc. |
| 23. pr_____le cause of a fire | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true |
| 24. re_____ve factors | <i>adj.</i> considered and evaluated through comparison with something else |
| 25. a pol_____an in the ruling party | <i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc. |
| 26. 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 |
| 27. rep_____an ideology | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 28. de_____cy advocate | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 29. Rep_____an party | <i>n.</i> 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: 20. deny, 21. governor, 22. opponent, 23. probable, 24. relative, 25. politician, 26. bloc, 27. republican, 28. democracy, 29. republican

30. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
31. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
32. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
33. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
34. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
35. ger_____er the voting boundaries *v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group
36. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
37. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
38. Se____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
39. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
40. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
41. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 30. voter, 31. deny, 32. strength, 33. opposition, 34. district, 35. gerrymander, 36. advantage, 37. creative, 38. Senate, 39. crazy, 40. surround, 41. folk

42. pick up a vi__a *n.* a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin and tuned a fifth lower
43. death-penalty op____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
44. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
45. dr____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
46. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
47. ger____er the upcoming election *v.* to manipulate the boundaries of an electoral district or voting constituency to gain political advantage for a particular party or group
48. semiaquatic sal____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
49. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
50. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
51. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 42. viola, 43. opponent, 44. boundary, 45. drawing, 46. divide, 47. gerrymander, 48. salamander, 49. influence, 50. stretch, 51. elect

52. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
53. ess____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
54. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
55. di____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
56. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
57. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
58. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
59. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
60. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
61. pr____s improvement *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: 52. separate, 53. essentially, 54. Senate, 55. divide, 56. crack, 57. opposition, 58. politician, 59. folk, 60. boundary, 61. process

62. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
63. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
64. official 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
65. principles of de_____cy *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
66. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
67. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
68. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
69. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
70. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
71. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
72. b__c countries *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

ANSWERS: 62. district, 63. elect, 64. gazette, 65. democracy, 66. crack, 67. crazy, 68. relative, 69. surrounding, 70. strength, 71. influence, 72. bloc

73. vice-pr_____nt for finance

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

74. st_____h a story

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 73. president, 74. stretch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

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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

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n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

7. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. advantages, 2. gerrymander, 3. Essentially, 4. opposition, 5. crack, 6. boundary, 7. politician

8. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
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n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
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- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
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- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 16. diluted, 17. district, 18. surround, 19. opponent, 20. salamander, 21. Democracy, 22. influence, 23. Senate

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27. 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
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- 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
29. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
30. 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

ANSWERS: 24. process, 25. surrounding, 26. viola, 27. bloc, 28. republican, 29. folk, 30. elected

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v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
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ANSWERS: 31. stretch, 32. denying, 33. crazy, 34. separate, 35. voter, 36. strength, 37. cattle