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Session 1: Word List

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

atrocious

adj. shockingly bad or unpleasant; extremely cruel or brutal

synonym: terrible, heinous, abominable

(1) **atrocious** weather, (2) **atrocious** manners

The food at the restaurant was **atrocious** and lacked any flavor.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

martyrdom

n. the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions

synonym : calvary, sacrifice, self-sacrifice

(1) **martyrdom** stories, (2) religious **martyrdom**

Many individuals have died as a result of their **martyrdom** for their beliefs.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This desert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

submissive

adj. inclined or willing to submit or yield to authority, domination, or direction; obedient or compliant; meek or passive

synonym: compliant, obedient, docile

(1) **submissive** behavior, (2) a **submissive** personality

The **submissive** dog cowered and trembled in fear when approached by its owner.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ti____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
2. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
3. political al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
4. re____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
5. radical fe____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
6. at____us weather *adj.* shockingly bad or unpleasant; extremely cruel or brutal
7. ou____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
8. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 1. timeless, 2. ironic, 3. allegory, 4. recreate, 5. feminism, 6. atrocious, 7. outsider, 8. embody

9. im____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
10. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
11. national ob____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
12. re____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
13. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
14. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
15. fe____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
16. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
17. subtle, multivalent al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

ANSWERS: 9. immerse, 10. mobilize, 11. obsession, 12. reunite, 13. envy, 14. exile, 15. fearless, 16. empower, 17. allegory

28. ma_____om stories *n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions
29. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
30. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
31. sub_____ve behavior *adj.* inclined or willing to submit or yield to authority, domination, or direction; obedient or compliant; meek or passive
32. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
33. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
34. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
35. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
36. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 28. martyrdom, 29. uprising, 30. obsession, 31. submissive, 32. ironic, 33. mobilize, 34. exile, 35. nomadic, 36. descend

37. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
38. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
39. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
40. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
41. de_____t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
42. em_____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
43. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
44. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
45. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
46. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
47. at_____us manners *adj.* shockingly bad or unpleasant; extremely cruel or brutal
48. religious ma_____om *n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions

ANSWERS: 37. fearless, 38. recreate, 39. reunite, 40. intellect, 41. depict, 42. embody, 43. feminism, 44. provoke, 45. nomadic, 46. timeless, 47. atrocious, 48. martyrdom

49. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
50. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
51. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
52. tr____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
53. violent up____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
54. completely im____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 49. portray, 50. descend, 51. intellect, 52. transcend, 53. uprising, 54. immerse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The band will _____ only for this show.
 - v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

2. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
 - v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

3. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
 - adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

4. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
 - v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

5. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
 - v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

6. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.
 - n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

7. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
 - v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 1. reunite, 2. envy, 3. nomadic, 4. portray, 5. recreated, 6. allegory, 7. descended

8. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
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12. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
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16. The _____ dog cowered and trembled in fear when approached by its owner.

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19. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.

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v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

22. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

23. He _____ himself in his research.

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ANSWERS: 16. submissive, 17. obsession, 18. exiled, 19. feminism, 20. atrocious, 21. depicted, 22. embody, 23. immersed

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- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
25. Many individuals have died as a result of their _____ for their beliefs.
- n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions
26. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
27. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
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ANSWERS: 24. reconnected, 25. martyrdom, 26. intellect, 27. uprising