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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.  
*adj.* having no fear; brave
9. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.  
*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
10. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.  
*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
11. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.  
*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
12. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.  
*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
13. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
14. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.  
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ANSWERS: 8. fearless, 9. transcended, 10. outsider, 11. mobilized, 12. provoked, 13. empowered, 14. ironic, 15. timeless

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog cowered and trembled in fear when approached by its owner.

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

17. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

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20. The food at the restaurant was \_\_\_\_\_ and lacked any flavor.

*adj.* shockingly bad or unpleasant; extremely cruel or brutal

21. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

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

23. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself in his research.

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

24. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- 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.
- n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 24. reconnected, 25. martyrdom, 26. intellect, 27. uprising