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Session 1: Word List

- gulf** *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
synonym: chasm, divide, abyss
(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream
The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- instruct** *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide
(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.
- sanction** *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
synonym: approve, authorize, endorse
(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**
The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the

country.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

unparalleled

adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

synonym: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement

Several American technology companies have achieved **unparalleled** success in terms of customer numbers.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

irritating

adj. causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

synonym: annoying, bothersome, vexing

(1) **irritating** noise, (2) **irritating** behavior

The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an **irritating** smell for days.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

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.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

behoof

n. advantage or benefit, particularly about one's interest or well-being; utility or usefulness

synonym : benefit, advantage, profit

(1) mutual **behoof**, (2) **behoof** of others

The law was created for the **behoof** of all citizens.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

caucus

n. a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions

synonym: meeting, conference, assembly

(1) statewide **caucus**, (2) Democratic **caucus**

The politicians met privately in a **caucus** to discuss their party's platform.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

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.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a

chairperson

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

carpool

n. a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school

synonym: ride-share, car-sharing, lift-share

(1) **carpool** lane, (2) **carpool** program

I'm looking for a **carpool** buddy to share the drive to the conference.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
2. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
3. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
4. mutual be____f *n.* advantage or benefit, particularly about one's interest or well-being; utility or usefulness
5. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
7. the feathered se_____t god *n.* a large snake
8. statewide ca____s *n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
9. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

ANSWERS: 1. gulf, 2. dedicate, 3. instruct, 4. behoof, 5. opportune, 6. passe, 7. serpent, 8. caucus, 9. chairperson

10. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
11. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
12. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
13. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
14. unp_____led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
15. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
16. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
17. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
18. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
19. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
20. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 10. invade, 11. invade, 12. chairperson, 13. motto, 14. unparalleled, 15. gulf, 16. diplomat, 17. balk, 18. empathy, 19. serpent, 20. empower

21. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
22. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
23. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
24. an unp_____led achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
25. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
26. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
27. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
28. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
29. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
30. ca_____l program *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
31. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 21. empathy, 22. balk, 23. grandchild, 24. unparalleled, 25. grandchild, 26. instruct, 27. posit, 28. motto, 29. empower, 30. carpool, 31. diplomat

32. ca_____l lane *n.* a group of people who regularly travel together in one vehicle, typically to commute to work or school
33. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
34. irr_____ng behavior *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
35. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
36. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
37. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
38. be___f of others *n.* advantage or benefit, particularly about one's interest or well-being; utility or usefulness

ANSWERS: 32. carpool, 33. sanction, 34. irritating, 35. nurture, 36. dedicate, 37. sanction, 38. behoof

39. po__t the existence of life after death
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
40. irr_____ng noise
adj. causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
41. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. pa__e entertainment
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
43. Democratic ca____s
n. a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
44. nu_____e his talents
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 39. posit, 40. irritating, 41. opportune, 42. passe, 43. caucus, 44. nurture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

2. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

3. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

4. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
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5. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
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6. The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an _____ smell for days.
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7. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
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ANSWERS: 1. sanctions, 2. instructed, 3. balk, 4. passe, 5. Gulf, 6. irritating, 7. Empathy

8. I'm looking for a _____ buddy to share the drive to the conference.
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10. The politicians met privately in a _____ to discuss their party's platform.
- n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
11. He _____ his life to helping others.
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12. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
- n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
14. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
- n.* a large snake
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. carpool, 9. diplomat, 10. caucus, 11. dedicated, 12. opportune, 13. chairperson, 14. serpent's, 15. empowered

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19. Several American technology companies have achieved _____ success in terms of customer numbers.
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20. The law was created for the _____ of all citizens.
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ANSWERS: 16. posit, 17. invade, 18. grandchild, 19. unparalleled, 20. behoof, 21. motto, 22. nurture