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## Session 1: Word List

### Wikipedia

*n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

*synonym* : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

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### downhill

*adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

*synonym* : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

### dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym* : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

*synonym* : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## emir

n. a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country

*synonym* : prince, ruler, leader

(1) **emir** palace, (2) **emir** crown

The **emir** of the small country was known for his generosity towards his people.

## detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

*synonym* : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

## blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

## handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym* : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## 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.

## extremism

*n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

*synonym*: fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym*: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. e\_\_r palace *n.* a title of high rank used in some Islamic countries, typically for a ruler or governor; a member of a ruling family in such a country
2. political ex\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
3. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
4. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
6. walk do\_\_\_\_\_ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

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## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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