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Session 1: Word List

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym: obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

standstill

 a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources

synonym: halt, deadlock, impasse

(1) transportation **standstill**, (2) economic **standstill**The traffic accident caused a **standstill** on the highway for several hours.

mourn

 ν . to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

mourn with deep grief, (2) mourn death
 we mourned the loss of our dear friend at the memorial

service.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) fascinate the public, (2) fascinate the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

psyche

the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

gory

 adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

synonym: bloody, gruesome, macabre

(1) gory accident, (2) gory details

The horror movie was filled with **gory** scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.

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.

outcry

- n. a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent synonym: protest, objection, dissent
- (1) a great outcry, (2) national outcry

The **outcry** against the new policy was heard loud and clear by the government.

doorway

- n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit intosynonym: entrance, portal, gateway
- (1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

titillation

- n. the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement
 synonym: excitement, arousal, stimulation
- (1) **titillation** of curiosity, (2) erotic **titillation**The movie provided cheap **titillation** with its graphic sex scenes and violence.

blacksmith

- a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
- (1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

bombardment

- n. a continuous attack with bombs or other missilessynonym: attack, shelling, strafing
- (1) aerial **bombardment**, (2) **bombardment** raid

 The city was subjected to heavy **bombardment** during the war.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

tease

to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) incite violence, (2) incite rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

fuss

- n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbancesynonym: commotion, agitation, disturbance
- (1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

public disgust, (2) show disgust at his actions
 He was filled with disgust and fear for the threat of war.

writ

- n. a written legal order or commandsynonym: legal document, order, legal process
- (1) a writ of summons, (2) issue a writ

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of synonym: advertise, promote, announce

publicize event, (2) publicize research findings
 The company hired a PR firm to publicize its new product.

filthy

adj. dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

synonym: dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) filthy streets, (2) filthy language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

synonym: gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) tabloid journalism, (2) political tabloid

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

hyperbole

- n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a pointsynonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment
- (1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

wheedle

v. to persuade or obtain something through flattery, coaxing, or subtle manipulation; to cajole or sweet-talk someone into doing something

synonym: persuade, coax, cajole

(1) **wheedle** a favor, (2) **wheedle** his way into securing the contract

He tried to **wheedle** his way out of doing chores by

complimenting his mother's new dress.

wig

 a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

synonym: hairpiece, toupee, hair system

(1) curly wig, (2) blonde wig

She decided to wear a pink wig to the costume party.

disclaim

- v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
- synonym: deny, reject, disavow
- (1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

 The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

monarchy

- n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authoritysynonym: kingdom, realm, empire
- monarchy system, (2) abolish monarchy
 The monarchy government had been in power for centuries.

inconclusive

- adj. without any significant results or proof or decision synonym: ambiguous, unsettled, uncertain
- (1) **inconclusive** debate, (2) **inconclusive** evidence Climate behavior models are frequently **inconclusive**.

conclusive

- adj. serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubtsynonym: decisive, definitive, convincing
- (1) **conclusive** information, (2) **conclusive** statement The research provided **conclusive** evidence that the new treatment was effective.

thatch

 a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with thatch, (2) thatch of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

archer

a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) archer's bow, (2) skilled archer

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

intellect

 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.

embarrass

- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate
- (1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

lurk

- v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal synonym: hide, creep, stalk
- (1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

Session 2: Spelling

10. tit____on of curiosity

1.	pete quickly into the skin	<i>v</i> .	to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
2.	public dit	n.	a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
3.	gy accident	adj.	involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
4.	fiy language	adj.	dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
5.	puze event	ν.	to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
6.	see her mind	<i>v</i> .	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
7.	aerial bomnt	n.	a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
8.	whe a favor	<i>v</i> .	to persuade or obtain something through flattery, coaxing, or subtle manipulation; to cajole or sweet-talk someone into doing something
9.	issue a wt	n.	a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 1. penetrate, 2. disgust, 3. gory, 4. filthy, 5. publicize, 6. seduce, 7. bombardment, 8. wheedle, 9. writ, 10. titillation

n.

excitement

the act of exciting or stimulating

someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or

11.	human inct	n.	the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
12.	transportation stall	n.	a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
13.	skilled arr	n.	a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
14.	blath shop	n.	a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
15.	pot the existence of life after death	ν.	to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
16.	Iked behind the words	ν.	to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
17.	conve information	adj.	serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
18.	gy details	adj.	involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
19.	pse healing	n.	the human soul, mind, or spirit
20.	fiy streets	adj.	dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
21.	pete a cell	ν.	to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

ANSWERS: 11. intellect, 12. standstill, 13. archer, 14. blacksmith, 15. posit, 16. lurk, 17. conclusive, 18. gory, 19. psyche, 20. filthy, 21. penetrate

22. tee wool	v.	to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
23. inue him	<i>v</i> .	to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
24. get into a fs	n.	a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
25. a great ouy	n.	a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
26. a wt of summons	n.	a written legal order or command
27. arr's bow	n.	a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
28. I_k in the darkness	<i>v</i> .	to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
29. erotic titon	n.	the act of exciting or stimulating someone or something, often in a sexual way; a state of arousal or excitement
30. political tad	adj.	relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

ANSWERS: 22. tease, 23. intrigue, 24. fuss, 25. outcry, 26. writ, 27. archer, 28. lurk, 29. titillation, 30. tabloid

31.	economic stall	n.	a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
32.	make a fs	n.	a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
33.	inue against his rival	v.	to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
34.	emss my project	<i>v</i> .	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
35.	mon death	ν.	to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
36.	see him into crime	<i>v</i> .	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
37.	national ouy	n.	a strong expression of public protest, anger, or dissent
38.	enrich my inct	n.	the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
39.	ine violence	v.	to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
40.	incive debate	adj.	without any significant results or proof or decision
41.	fie on a problem	v.	to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

ANSWERS: 31. standstill, 32. fuss, 33. intrigue, 34. embarrass, 35. mourn, 36. seduce, 37. outcry, 38. intellect, 39. incite, 40. inconclusive, 41. fixate

42.	curly w_g	n.	a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
43.	abolish mohy	n.	a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
44.	po_t the premise	<i>v</i> .	to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
45.	fie on a picture	v.	to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
46.	diim ownership	v.	to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
47.	ine rebellion	<i>v</i> .	to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
48.	escalate the hyle	n.	exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
49.	mohy system	n.	a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
50.	doy to success	n.	an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 42. wig, 43. monarchy, 44. posit, 45. fixate, 46. disclaim, 47. incite, 48. hyperbole, 49. monarchy, 50. doorway

51.	puze research findings	ν.	to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
52.	tee the children	ν.	to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
53.	conve statement	adj.	serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
54.	mon with deep grief	<i>v</i> .	to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
55.	cover with thh	n.	a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
56.	diim his rights	ν.	to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
57.	fate the public	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
58.	deep pse	n.	the human soul, mind, or spirit
59.	emss political enemy	<i>v</i> .	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
60.	incive evidence	adj.	without any significant results or proof or decision
61.	fate the young	<i>v</i> .	to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 51. publicize, 52. tease, 53. conclusive, 54. mourn, 55. thatch, 56. disclaim, 57. fascinate, 58. psyche, 59. embarrass, 60. inconclusive, 61. fascinate

62.	show dit at his actions	n.	a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
63.	avoid hyle in writing	n.	exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
64.	blath welding	n.	a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
65.	tad journalism	adj.	relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
66.	whe his way into securing the contract	v.	to persuade or obtain something through flattery, coaxing, or subtle manipulation; to cajole or sweet-talk someone into doing something
67.	a wide doy	n.	an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
68.	bomnt raid	n.	a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
69.	blonde w_g	n.	a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as par- of a costume
70.	thh of hair	n.	a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

ANSWERS: 62. disgust, 63. hyperbole, 64. blacksmith, 65. tabloid, 66. wheedle, 67. doorway, 68. bombardment, 69. wig, 70. thatch

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
n.	a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
2.	The therapist helped her understand the workings of her and how to cope with her anxiety.
n.	the human soul, mind, or spirit
3.	The horror movie was filled with scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.
adj	involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
4.	He was filled with and fear for the threat of war.
n.	a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
5.	The research provided evidence that the new treatment was effective.
adj	serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
6.	The city was subjected to heavy during the war.
n.	a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
7.	He was served with a of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n.	a written legal order or command
AN 7. v	SWERS: 1. archer's, 2. psyche, 3. gory, 4. disgust, 5. conclusive, 6. bombardment vrit

8.	There was a about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
n.	a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
9.	The roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.
n.	a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
10.	The shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n.	a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
11.	In the city, the risk of traffic accidents at every corner.
v.	to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
12.	He looked for an opportunity to that actor in public.
<i>v</i> .	to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
13.	We should several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v.	to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
14.	This ad is intended to a competing product.
v.	to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
15.	Western ideology slowly through the eastern countries.
<i>v</i> .	to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
	SWERS: 8. fuss, 9. thatch, 10. blacksmith, 11. lurks, 12. embarrass, 13. posit, 14. se, 15. penetrates

16.	The marketing campaign relied heavily on	to sell the product.
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adj	adj. dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensivo obscene	re degree; morally offensive or
22.	2. The newspaper always covers sensation	onal stories.
adj	relating to a type of newspaper or journalism the often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type typically features sensational or scandalous stored focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainmen	e of newspaper or magazine that ories and headlines, often with a
	NSWERS: 16. hyperbole, 17. mourned, 18. doorwa Ithy, 22. tabloid	y, 19. standstill, 20. disclaim, 21

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27.	She decided to wear a pink to the costume party.
n.	a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
28.	The government had been in power for centuries.
n.	a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
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	SWERS: 23. incite, 24. fascinated, 25. publicize, 26. wheedle, 27. wig, 28. narchy, 29. fixate

Climate behavior models are frequently ______.

adj. without any significant results or proof or decision

35. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 30. intellect, 31. titillation, 32. outcry, 33. seduce, 34. inconclusive, 35. intrigues