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Session 1: Word List

stodgy

adj. dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation

synonym: dull, boring, uninteresting

(1) **stodgy** food, (2) **stodgy** style

The **stodgy** old professor refused to adopt any new teaching methods or technologies.

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

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

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.

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.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

ragtag

adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

synonym : disheveled, fragmented, motley

(1) **ragtag** clothing, (2) **ragtag** team

The army's **ragtag** troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

synonym : deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

vandalism

n. the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful

synonym : destruction, damage, desecration

(1) cyber **vandalism**, (2) **vandalism** at shrines

The graffiti on the wall was an act of **vandalism** that caused damage to public property.

vandal

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

synonym : destroyer, defacer, hooligan

(1) teenage **vandal**, (2) graffiti **vandal**

The city installed security cameras to deter **vandals** from damaging public property.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

debatable

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

synonym : questionable, uncertain, open to discussion

(1) the validity of the theory is **debatable**, (2) **debatable** topic

Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still **debatable** among scientists.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

negotiable

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

synonym : flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary

The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym : return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : 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.
- open-ended** *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
synonym : unlimited, unrestricted, flexible
(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements
Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.
- hoax** *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
synonym : deception, fraud, trick
(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email
The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.
- confuse** *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
synonym : confound, obscure, disorient
(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.
- troll** *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker
(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**
He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

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.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

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**.

boggy

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

synonym: swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

fanatical

adj. characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal

synonym: zealous, extreme, passionate

(1) **fanatical** patriotism, (2) **fanatical** ideology

The **fanatical** leader had convinced his followers to follow him blindly, regardless of the consequences.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym : plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

wale

n. a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

synonym : ridge, rib, welting

(1) **wale** pattern, (2) denim **wale** fabric

The tightly woven **wale** of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fruition

n. the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished

synonym : realization, accomplishment, completion

(1) finally come to **fruition**, (2) **fruition** of a plan

Many startups face challenges in bringing their innovative ideas to **fruition**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
2. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. ch_____c theory
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
4. deg_____te into a disagreement
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
5. am__e and entertain visitors
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
6. deg_____te into recession
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
7. bo__y area
adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
8. re__t to the original subject
v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
9. a ben_____nt individual
adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
10. st__y style
adj. dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation

ANSWERS: 1. confuse, 2. opportune, 3. chaotic, 4. degenerate, 5. amaze, 6. degenerate, 7. boggy, 8. revert, 9. benevolent, 10. stodgy

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| 11. member of the ari_____cy | <i>n.</i> a group of persons with high social status |
| 12. Wi_____ia article | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 13. an_____st terrorism | <i>n.</i> a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary |
| 14. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 15. em_____ss political enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 16. Wi_____ia entry | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 17. con_____us debate | <i>adj.</i> likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue |
| 18. the validity of the theory is de_____le | <i>adj.</i> open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted |
| 19. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 20. a neg_____le bill | <i>adj.</i> capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation |
| 21. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |

ANSWERS: 11. aristocracy, 12. Wikipedia, 13. anarchist, 14. Jewish, 15. embarrass, 16. Wikipedia, 17. contentious, 18. debatable, 19. empower, 20. negotiable, 21. excite

22. an ope_____ed discussion *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
23. scientific ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
24. bo__y land *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
25. w__e pattern *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
26. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
27. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
28. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
29. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 22. open-ended, 23. jargon, 24. boggy, 25. wale, 26. germ, 27. writ, 28. germ, 29. quote

30. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
31. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
32. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
33. fa_____al patriotism *adj.* characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal
34. va_____sm at shrines *n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful
35. teenage va___l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
36. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
37. abolish mo_____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

ANSWERS: 30. quote, 31. contentious, 32. chaotic, 33. fanatical, 34. vandalism, 35. vandal, 36. storyline, 37. monarchy

38. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
39. of____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
40. h__x email *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
41. mo____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
42. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
43. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
44. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 38. troll, 39. offline, 40. hoax, 41. monarchy, 42. amaze, 43. troll, 44. opportune, 45. anarchist

46. suspect a h__x *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
47. denim w__e fabric *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
48. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
49. st___y food *adj.* dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation
50. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
51. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
52. fr_____on of a plan *n.* the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished
53. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 46. hoax, 47. wale, 48. benevolent, 49. stodgy, 50. Jewish, 51. aristocracy, 52. fruition, 53. Nazi

54. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
55. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
56. de_____le topic *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
57. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
58. graffiti va___l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
59. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
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72. neg_____le salary *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

ANSWERS: 64. accuse, 65. embarrass, 66. fruition, 67. ragtag, 68. storyline, 69. empower, 70. vandalism, 71. ragtag, 72. negotiable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
 - n.* a written legal order or command

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ANSWERS: 22. opportune, 23. anarchist, 24. vandals, 25. storyline, 26. stodgy, 27. Wikipedia, 28. dictator

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