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Session 1: Word List

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic
The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

peacemaker

n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

synonym: mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym:

outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

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.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym: poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food,

clothing, and shelter.

limbo

n. a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

synonym: purgatory, oblivion, no man's land

(1) left in **limbo**, (2) **limbo** period

Her career was in **limbo** as she waited for a job offer.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

adamant

adj. having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush

synonym: resolute, unyielding, obstinate

(1) **adamant** refusal, (2) **adamant** to temptation

She was **adamant** about not changing her mind.

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.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym: appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
2. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
3. a burning th__t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
4. ad____t refusal *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
5. act as pea____er *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
6. automated ho____e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
7. lo____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
8. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
9. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
10. me____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
11. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 1. greet, 2. onstage, 3. thirst, 4. adamant, 5. peacemaker, 6. hotline, 7. longevity, 8. doe, 9. pandemic, 10. mesmerize, 11. proverb

12. th__t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
13. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
15. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
16. no_____te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
17. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
18. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
19. ad_____t to temptation *adj.* having a very strong determination to do something and refusing to be influenced or persuaded; (noun) a legendary rock that is very hard and impossible to crush
20. me_____ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
21. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
22. left in li__o *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

ANSWERS: 12. thirst, 13. opportune, 14. dwindle, 15. singe, 16. nominate, 17. explode, 18. empower, 19. adamant, 20. mesmerize, 21. pandemic, 22. limbo

23. und_____ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
24. poor and und_____ged elderly *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
25. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
27. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
28. make a da____g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
29. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
30. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
31. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
32. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
33. ho_____e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
34. pea_____er effort *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

ANSWERS: 23. underprivileged, 24. underprivileged, 25. opportune, 26. unleash, 27. onstage, 28. daring, 29. empower, 30. lockdown, 31. courageous, 32. dwindle, 33. hotline, 34. peacemaker

35. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
36. no_____te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
37. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
38. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
39. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
40. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
41. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
42. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
43. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
44. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
45. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 35. courageous, 36. nominate, 37. longevity, 38. proverb, 39. singe, 40. daring, 41. lockdown, 42. explode, 43. mimic, 44. doe, 45. mimic

46. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
47. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
48. li__o period *n.* a state of being uncertain, unknown, or neglected; an imaginary place for lost or neglected things

ANSWERS: 46. greet, 47. unleash, 48. limbo

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.
 - n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
2. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
 - v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
3. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
 - adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
4. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
 - v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
5. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
 - adj.* brave and taking risks
6. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
 - n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
7. The dedicated _____ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.
 - n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
8. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
 - n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 1. lockdown, 2. mimic, 3. courageous, 4. unleash, 5. daring, 6. doe, 7. peacemaker, 8. proverb

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ANSWERS: 18. limbo, 19. adamant, 20. pandemic, 21. opportune, 22. exploded, 23. hotline, 24. onstage,