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Session 1: Word List

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

overbearing

adj. excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others

synonym: domineering, authoritarian, controlling

(1) an **overbearing** personality, (2) **overbearing** behavior

My boss is so **overbearing** that he always insists on doing things his way and won't listen to anyone else's suggestions.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

disapproval

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

synonym : condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym : object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**
I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym : rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

synonym : abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

embattle

v. to prepare or arrange troops or defenses for battle; to engage in or be ready for conflict

synonym: prepare for conflict, fortify, arm

(1) **embattle** troops, (2) **embattle** for a long siege

The country is **embattled** in a long-standing conflict with its neighboring nation.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do im_____ve buying *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
2. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
3. a de_____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
4. em_____le for a long siege *v.* to prepare or arrange troops or defenses for battle; to engage in or be ready for conflict
5. co____l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
6. an ove_____ng personality *adj.* excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others
7. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
8. dis_____al rate *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
9. co____l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 1. impulsive, 2. tempting, 3. defiant, 4. embattle, 5. compel, 6. overbearing, 7. disapprove, 8. disapproval, 9. compel

10. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
11. em_____le troops *v.* to prepare or arrange troops or defenses for battle; to engage in or be ready for conflict
12. showing dis_____al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
13. de_____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
14. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
15. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
16. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
17. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
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ANSWERS: 10. disapprove, 11. embattle, 12. disapproval, 13. defiant, 14. crumble, 15. uncover, 16. tempting, 17. well-being, 18. illuminate, 19. uncover

20. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
21. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
22. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
23. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
24. ove_____ng behavior *adj.* excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others
25. an im_____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
26. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 20. converse, 21. converse, 22. illuminate, 23. well-being, 24. overbearing, 25. impulsive, 26. crumble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
2. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
3. He regrets the _____ behavior he took in his drunken state.
adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
4. Her _____ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.
n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
5. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
6. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
7. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. disapprove, 3. impulsive, 4. disapproval, 5. tempting, 6. compel, 7. converse

8. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
- v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
9. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
- adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
10. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
11. The country is _____ in a long-standing conflict with its neighboring nation.
- v. to prepare or arrange troops or defenses for battle; to engage in or be ready for conflict
12. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.
- v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
13. My boss is so _____ that he always insists on doing things his way and won't listen to anyone else's suggestions.
- adj. excessively controlling, dominating, or dictatorial in one's behavior toward others

ANSWERS: 8. crumble, 9. defiant, 10. uncovered, 11. embattled, 12. illuminated, 13. overbearing