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Session 1: Word List

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

buzzkill

n. an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element

synonym: party pooper, killjoy, wet blanket

(1) party **buzzkill**, (2) financial **buzzkill**

Bob's negative attitude was a real **buzzkill** at the party.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

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.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

forethought

n. the act of thinking about and planning for the future

synonym: planning, preparation, anticipation

(1) without **forethought** and planning, (2) **forethought** in decision making

He brought a map and compass with **forethought** in case he got lost on the hike.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. rev_____ize the industry | <i>v.</i> to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas |
| 2. liv_____od assistance | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 3. cou_____ive behavior | <i>adj.</i> contrary to what common sense would suggest |
| 4. car_____ng process | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 5. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 6. major se_____k | <i>n.</i> an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress |
| 7. s__t beliefs | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 8. ov_____ok a street | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 9. e__t air pollution | <i>v.</i> to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 10. without for_____ht and planning | <i>n.</i> the act of thinking about and planning for the future |

ANSWERS: 1. revolutionize, 2. livelihood, 3. counterintuitive, 4. caregiving, 5. industrious, 6. setback, 7. sect, 8. overlook, 9. emit, 10. forethought

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| 11. em__d scripts in the message | v. | to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass |
| 12. e__t a gamma ray | v. | to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 13. wi__n in excitement | v. | to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive |
| 14. an up____t tone | adj. | frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance |
| 15. wi__n a narrowed heart valve | v. | to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive |
| 16. per_____te chronic pain | v. | to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 17. regional pol_____er | n. | a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 18. for_____ht in decision making | n. | the act of thinking about and planning for the future |
| 19. ov_____ok that fact | v. | to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 20. de_____te a chapter to the subject | v. | to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 21. suffer a se_____k | n. | an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress |
| 22. car_____ng responsibilities | n. | the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |

ANSWERS: 11. embed, 12. emit, 13. widen, 14. upfront, 15. widen, 16. perpetuate, 17. policymaker, 18. forethought, 19. overlook, 20. dedicate, 21. setback, 22. caregiving

23. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
24. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
26. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
30. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
31. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
32. financial bu_____ll *n.* an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element
33. party bu_____ll *n.* an event, person, or thing that dampens the excitement or pleasure of a situation, typically by introducing an unwelcome or unpleasant element

ANSWERS: 23. unfold, 24. industrious, 25. upfront, 26. opportune, 27. rethink, 28. opportune, 29. unfold, 30. counterintuitive, 31. perpetuate, 32. buzzkill, 33. buzzkill

34. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
35. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
36. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
37. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
38. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
39. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
40. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

ANSWERS: 34. revolutionize, 35. rethink, 36. livelihood, 37. dedicate, 38. policymaker, 39. sect, 40. embed

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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8. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
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ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. emits, 3. caregiving, 4. opportune, 5. buzzkill, 6. dedicated, 7. forethought, 8. Policymakers

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