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Session 1: Word List

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

suspense

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

synonym: tension, anticipation, excitement

(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie

The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym : satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

die-hard

adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up

synonym : dedicated, committed, steadfast

(1) **die-hard** fanatic, (2) **die-hard** militarist

He was a **die-hard** football team fan and never missed a game.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

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.

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.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym: federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

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.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

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.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to

stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____ne the possibilities | v. | to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |
| 2. im_____e the cloth in the dye | v. | to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered |
| 3. ind_____us worker | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 4. su_____e to live | v. | to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose |
| 5. r_v up the crowd | n. | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 6. au_____t the reality | v. | to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 7. hu_____e in a temporary shelter | v. | to crowd or press closely together; cuddle |
| 8. completely im_____e the ingredient | v. | to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered |
| 9. the com_____lth of learning | n. | a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power |

ANSWERS: 1. reimagine, 2. immerse, 3. industrious, 4. suffice, 5. rev, 6. augment, 7. huddle, 8. immerse, 9. commonwealth

10. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
11. 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
12. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
13. ind_____ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
14. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
15. 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
16. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
17. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 10. suffice, 11. lockdown, 12. augment, 13. indistinct, 14. aspiration, 15. lockdown, 16. empower, 17. opportune, 18. overtake

19. st__r a conversation
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
20. ina_____ble areas
adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
21. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. in_____te the quality of his life
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
23. di_____rd fanatic
adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
24. re_____ne the future
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
25. win a po___m position
n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
26. di_____rd militarist
adj. (of a person) extremely loyal, dedicated, or enthusiastic; unwilling to give up
27. in_____te a new method
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
28. no asp_____on for fame
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
29. sp_____or seat
n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
30. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 19. steer, 20. inaccessible, 21. industrious, 22. innovate, 23. die-hard, 24. reimagine, 25. podium, 26. die-hard, 27. innovate, 28. aspiration, 29. spectator, 30. opportune

31. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
32. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
33. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
34. su_____se thriller *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
35. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
36. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
37. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
38. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
39. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

ANSWERS: 31. podium, 32. steer, 33. blur, 34. suspense, 35. inaccessible, 36. redefine, 37. blur, 38. merry, 39. spectator

40. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
41. ov____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
42. hu____e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
43. com____lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
44. me__y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
45. su____se-filled movie *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
46. ind____ct memory *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
47. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
48. re____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 40. empower, 41. overtake, 42. huddle, 43. commonwealth, 44. merry, 45. suspense, 46. indistinct, 47. rev, 48. redefine

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
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ANSWERS: 8. spectator, 9. rev, 10. Commonwealth, 11. merry, 12. podium, 13. huddled, 14. steer

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ANSWERS: 23. suspense, 24. reimagine