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Session 1: Word List

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

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.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym : overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

overstate

v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

synonym : exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance

He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym : injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

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.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym: fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

whir

v. to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air

synonym: whizz, buzz, hum

(1) **whir** up and down, (2) machines **whirring**

The sound of the engine **whirred** as the plane took off.

orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political

reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

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.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma
He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

coronavirus

n. a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

desirous

adj. having a strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something; characterized by a desire or longing

synonym: eager, longing, covetous

(1) **desirous** look, (2) **desirous** of success

She was **desirous** of a peaceful life in the countryside.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ov_____te the issue *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
2. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
3. machines w__rring *v.* to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air
4. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
5. the pa_____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
6. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
7. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
8. w__r up and down *v.* to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air
9. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 1. overstate, 2. mobilize, 3. whirl, 4. improvisation, 5. pathogen, 6. pathogen, 7. pervasive, 8. whirl, 9. inhale

10. ov_____te the importance *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
11. fire hy_____t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
12. in____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
13. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
14. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
15. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
16. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
17. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
18. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
19. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
20. hy_____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

ANSWERS: 10. overstate, 11. hydrant, 12. infect, 13. stun, 14. devastate, 15. emperor, 16. pandemic, 17. devastate, 18. stun, 19. firefighter, 20. hydrant

21. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
22. up__d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
23. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals
24. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
25. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
26. mandatory qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
27. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
28. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
29. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
30. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
31. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 21. vaccinate, 22. upend, 23. coronavirus, 24. seize, 25. infect, 26. quarantine, 27. seize, 28. mobilize, 29. horrific, 30. emperor, 31. rot

32. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
33. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
34. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
35. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
36. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
37. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
38. orc_____te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
39. 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
40. orc_____te the political reinstatement *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

ANSWERS: 32. upend, 33. vaccinate, 34. horrific, 35. capita, 36. improvisation, 37. inequity, 38. orchestrate, 39. germ, 40. orchestrate

41. de____us look *adj.* having a strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something; characterized by a desire or longing
42. de____us of success *adj.* having a strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something; characterized by a desire or longing
43. cor____us antibody test kit *n.* a group of viruses that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological diseases in humans and other animals
44. pe____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
45. er____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
46. out of qua____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
47. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
49. in____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
50. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 41. desirous, 42. desirous, 43. coronavirus, 44. pervasive, 45. eradicate, 46. quarantine, 47. opportune, 48. ironic, 49. inequity, 50. opportune

51. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
52. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
53. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
54. in___e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
55. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
56. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
57. 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
58. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
59. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 51. diplomacy, 52. diplomacy, 53. firefighter, 54. inhale, 55. rot, 56. capita, 57. germ, 58. pandemic, 59. ironic

60. er_____te racial discrimination

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 60. eradicate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
 - n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
2. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
 - v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
3. The military _____ troops to the border.
 - v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
4. He tends to _____ his accomplishments to impress others.
 - v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
5. He carefully _____ the details of his business plan.
 - v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly;
(noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
6. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
 - n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
 - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. diplomacy, 2. infect, 3. mobilized, 4. overstate, 5. orchestrated, 6. capita, 7. opportune

8. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
9. She was _____ of a peaceful life in the countryside.
adj. having a strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something; characterized by a desire or longing
10. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
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11. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
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12. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.
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13. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
14. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
15. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
16. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

ANSWERS: 8. pandemic, 9. desirous, 10. upended, 11. seize, 12. inequity, 13. vaccinated, 14. rot, 15. improvisation, 16. firefighter

17. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

18. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

19. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

20. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

21. The sound of the engine _____ as the plane took off.

v. to make a low, continuous, and often rhythmic sound, similar to the sound of a machine or a motor rotating at high speed; (noun) a low, continuous sound that is produced by something rotating quickly or moving rapidly through the air

22. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

23. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

24. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

ANSWERS: 17. devastate, 18. horrific, 19. quarantine, 20. inhaled, 21. whirred, 22. germ, 23. pervasive, 24. pathogens

25. The residents reported a leaky _____ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew
- n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
26. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
27. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
- v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
28. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
29. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
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ANSWERS: 25. hydrant, 26. Emperor, 27. stunned, 28. eradicate, 29. coronavirus, 30. ironic