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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

grandmaster

n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity

synonym : champion, expert, master

(1) **grandmaster** level, (2) martial arts **grandmaster**

The chess **grandmaster** easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

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.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

synonym: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

pitfall

n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare

synonym: trap, snare, hazard

(1) potential **pitfall**, (2) **pitfall** to be avoided

One of the biggest **pitfalls** of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

reskill

v. to learn new skills, particularly in response to changes or advances in technology, job requirements, or other factors that may render previous skills or knowledge obsolete or insufficient

synonym : retrain, upskill

(1) **reskill** workers, (2) **reskill** in technology

To stay relevant in the job market, it may be necessary to **reskill** and learn new skills.

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.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. flexible mi_____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 2. martial arts gra_____er | <i>n.</i> a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity |
| 3. pa_____ze a person | <i>v.</i> to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel |
| 4. re_____ne the possibilities | <i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way |
| 5. ag__e in his movements | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 6. am_____y a signal | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 7. ov_____ke a rival | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 8. pi_____l to be avoided | <i>n.</i> a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare |
| 9. re_____l workers | <i>v.</i> to learn new skills, particularly in response to changes or advances in technology, job requirements, or other factors that may render previous skills or knowledge obsolete or insufficient |

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. grandmaster, 3. paralyze, 4. reimagine, 5. agile, 6. amplify, 7. overtake, 8. pitfall, 9. reskill

10. sa_____ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
11. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
13. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
14. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
15. re_____l in technology *v.* to learn new skills, particularly in response to changes or advances in technology, job requirements, or other factors that may render previous skills or knowledge obsolete or insufficient
16. 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
17. sa_____ze surfaces *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

ANSWERS: 10. sanitize, 11. opportune, 12. disrupt, 13. reimagine, 14. pandemic, 15. reskill, 16. overtake, 17. sanitize

18. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
19. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
20. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
21. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
22. gra_____er level *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
23. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. potential pi_____l *n.* a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
26. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
27. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 18. trade-off, 19. paralyze, 20. empathy, 21. symbiotic, 22. grandmaster, 23. illuminate, 24. opportune, 25. pitfall, 26. disrupt, 27. mindset

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| 28. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 29. tr_____ff problem | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |
| 30. am_____y the effect | <i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness |
| 31. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 32. em_____y for patients | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 33. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 34. sy_____ic economy | <i>adj.</i> involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist |
| 35. ill_____te my understanding | <i>v.</i> to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity |
| 36. an ag__e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |

ANSWERS: 28. resilient, 29. trade-off, 30. amplify, 31. pandemic, 32. empathy, 33. resilient, 34. symbiotic, 35. illuminate, 36. agile

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The chess _____ easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.
n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
2. One of the biggest _____ of starting a new business is underestimating the costs.
n. a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap or snare
3. 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
4. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
5. To stay relevant in the job market, it may be necessary to _____ and learn new skills.
v. to learn new skills, particularly in response to changes or advances in technology, job requirements, or other factors that may render previous skills or knowledge obsolete or insufficient
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adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
7. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 1. grandmaster, 2. pitfalls, 3. illuminated, 4. trade-off, 5. reskill, 6. symbiotic, 7. pandemic

8. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
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- v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
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- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
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- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
12. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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- n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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- v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
15. I always _____ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.
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ANSWERS: 8. overtake, 9. amplify, 10. paralyzed, 11. disrupt, 12. opportune, 13. Empathy, 14. reimagine, 15. sanitize

16. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

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18. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 16. mindset, 17. agile, 18. resilient