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Session 1: Word List

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

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.

stave

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects;

(verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

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**.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

intermediary

n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym: middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

Session 2: Spelling

1. c__p wood v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
2. em____r my life v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. po____e the air v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
4. avoid climate cat_____he n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
5. pl____t against other major currencies v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
6. barrel st__e n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
7. financial int_____ary n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
8. c__p a meet with a knife v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

ANSWERS: 1. chop, 2. empower, 3. pollute, 4. catastrophe, 5. plummet, 6. stave, 7. intermediary, 8. chop

9. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
10. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
11. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
12. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
13. whi_____rd marker *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
14. int_____ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
15. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
16. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 9. superpower, 10. emergent, 11. empower, 12. emergent, 13. whiteboard, 14. intermediary, 15. superpower, 16. pollute

17. whi_____rd animation *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
18. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
19. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
20. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
21. st__e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
22. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 17. whiteboard, 18. livelihood, 19. plummet, 20. livelihood, 21. stave, 22. catastrophe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

2. The _____ between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.
n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

3. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

4. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

5. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
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6. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
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7. They used iron _____ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.
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ANSWERS: 1. livelihood, 2. intermediary, 3. chopped, 4. emergent, 5. pollute, 6. superpower, 7. staves

8. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
9. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
10. Let's brainstorm ideas on the _____ for the new project.
n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
11. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 8. catastrophe, 9. empowered, 10. whiteboard, 11. plummeted