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Session 1: Word List

flare

- v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

chimney

- n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym : flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

dub

- v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

antecedent

n. something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order

synonym: precursor, predecessor, (adjective) anterior

(1) **antecedent** conditions, (2) birth and **antecedents**

Chemistry has long historical **antecedents**, including alchemy.

foretell

v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future

synonym: predict, prophesy, forecast

(1) **foretell** the attack, (2) **foretell** the end of the world

The fortune teller was able to **foretell** the future by reading tarot cards.

recitation

n. the act of saying or repeating something, such as a speech or poem, from memory

synonym: recital, rendering, performance

(1) right of **recitation**, (2) **recitation** of scripture

The actor beautifully did the **recitation** of the poem.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap
There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

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.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

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.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

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.

roadblock

n. a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

synonym : obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

blatant

adj. completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

synonym : obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym : unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

overarch

v. to be central or dominant; to form an arch over

(1) **overarched** the road, (2) **overarch** the stream

This scene **overarches** the entire first act.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym :

represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. pr____l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
3. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
5. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
6. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
7. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
8. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
9. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
10. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. propel, 3. opportune, 4. ambiguity, 5. entrenched, 6. footprint, 7. resilient, 8. electrify, 9. paradox, 10. ambiguity

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| 11. ent_____ed ideas | <i>adj.</i> established firmly and securely |
| 12. make a cou_____us decision | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |
| 13. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 14. the pa_____x of the heap | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 15. the fl__e of a match | <i>v.</i> to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface |
| 16. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 17. ov_____ched the road | <i>v.</i> to be central or dominant; to form an arch over |
| 18. mo_____ze a stiff joint | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 19. birth and ant_____nts | <i>n.</i> something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order |
| 20. ev_____te civilians | <i>v.</i> to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk |
| 21. smoke ch_____y | <i>n.</i> a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system |

ANSWERS: 11. entrenched, 12. courageous, 13. medicinal, 14. paradox, 15. flare, 16. medicinal, 17. overarch, 18. mobilize, 19. antecedent, 20. evacuate, 21. chimney

22. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
23. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
24. rec_____on of scripture *n.* the act of saying or repeating something, such as a speech or poem, from memory
25. bl_____t disregard *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
26. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
27. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
28. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
29. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
30. ov_____ch the stream *v.* to be central or dominant; to form an arch over
31. fo_____ll the end of the world *v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
32. ev_____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 22. footprint, 23. interconnect, 24. recitation, 25. blatant, 26. industrialize, 27. outweigh, 28. electrify, 29. mobilize, 30. overarch, 31. foretell, 32. evacuate

33. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
34. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
35. bl_____t hypocrisy *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
36. fl__e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
37. cadmium-po_____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
38. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
39. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
40. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
41. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. ch_____y sweep *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

ANSWERS: 33. interconnect, 34. decarbonize, 35. blatant, 36. flare, 37. polluted, 38. mend, 39. embody, 40. industrialize, 41. opportune, 42. chimney

43. m__d my ways v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
44. d_b data v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
45. un___t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
46. re___e a long list of the article v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
47. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
48. d_b the film in English v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
49. em___y a spirit of charity v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
50. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
51. bypass ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
52. biological ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 43. mend, 44. dub, 45. unjust, 46. recite, 47. unjust, 48. dub, 49. embody, 50. urgently, 51. roadblock, 52. roadblock

53. re___e a charm v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
54. dec_____ze its energy system v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
55. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
56. right of rec_____on *n.* the act of saying or repeating something, such as a speech or poem, from memory
57. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
58. ou_____gh the benefit v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
59. fo_____ll the attack v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
60. pr____l the ship v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
61. ant_____nt conditions *n.* something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order
62. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

ANSWERS: 53. recite, 54. decarbonize, 55. courageous, 56. recitation, 57. urgently, 58. outweigh, 59. foretell, 60. propel, 61. antecedent, 62. polluted

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
3. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
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v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. dubbed, 3. electrify, 4. overarches, 5. mobilized, 6. foretell, 7. outweigh, 8. decarbonize

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- v. to organize the production of something into an industry
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ANSWERS: 9. industrialize, 10. recitation, 11. roadblock, 12. chimney, 13. antecedents, 14. recite, 15. flared

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v. to connect similar things
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adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
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ANSWERS: 25. polluted, 26. unjust, 27. courageous, 28. entrenched, 29. ambiguity, 30. evacuate, 31. propel