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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

rebalance

v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability

synonym: adjust, realign, readjust

(1) **rebalance** the budget, (2) **rebalance** team roles
I need to **rebalance** my investment portfolio to reduce risk.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available
The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry
The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

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.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym : cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___t under the skin | v. | to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 2. cadmium-po____ed area | adj. | contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 3. cannot log in to the a_p | n. | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 4. 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 |
| 5. an op_____ne remark | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 6. a per_____ty issue | n. | confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled |
| 7. co_____te our life | v. | to create something by working with others |
| 8. sc__r the Internet | v. | to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically |
| 9. re_____ce the budget | v. | to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability |

ANSWERS: 1. inject, 2. polluted, 3. app, 4. decarbonize, 5. opportune, 6. perplexity, 7. cocreate, 8. scour, 9. rebalance

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| 10. mi__r strike | <i>n.</i> | a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth |
| 11. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce | <i>n.</i> | a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated |
| 12. wi__n a narrowed heart valve | <i>v.</i> | to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive |
| 13. em_____y for patients | <i>n.</i> | the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 14. in___t a personal opinion into a debate | <i>v.</i> | to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 15. po_____ed air | <i>adj.</i> | contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 16. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
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| 18. re_____ce team roles | <i>v.</i> | to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability |

ANSWERS: 10. miner, 11. imbalance, 12. widen, 13. empathy, 14. inject, 15. polluted, 16. electrify, 17. opportune, 18. rebalance

19. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
20. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
21. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
22. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
23. 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
24. 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
25. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
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29. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
30. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
31. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
32. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
33. co_____te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
34. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 29. pretension, 30. methane, 31. app, 32. imbalance, 33. cocreate, 34. miner

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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16. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.

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17. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.

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ANSWERS: 16. widened, 17. abundantly