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Session 1: Word List

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.

drawdown

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

synonym: decline, reduction, decrease

(1) **drawdown** period, (2) investment **drawdown**

The organization initiated a **drawdown** of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

adventurer

n. a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences

synonym: explorer, entrepreneur, daredevil

(1) daredevil **adventurer**, (2) outdoor **adventurers**

The ocean **adventurer** holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

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.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

avalanche

n. a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances

synonym : snowslide, snowfall, downfall

(1) **avalanche** warning, (2) an **avalanche** of questions

The skiers narrowly escaped the **avalanche** by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym : impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym : underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

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.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

brunt

n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

synonym : force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

groundwork

n. the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something

synonym : foundation, base, cornerstone

(1) **groundwork** foundation, (2) **groundwork** study

They laid the **groundwork** for the new project by conducting thorough research.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an av_____he of questions *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
2. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
3. av_____he warning *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
4. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
5. gro_____rk foundation *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
6. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
7. daredevil adv_____er *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
8. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
9. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 1. avalanche, 2. bury, 3. avalanche, 4. firsthand, 5. groundwork, 6. cyclone, 7. adventurer, 8. trajectory, 9. empower

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| 10. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 11. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 12. in_____e on other people's conversations | <i>v.</i> to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something |
| 13. dr_____wn period | <i>n.</i> the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing |
| 14. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 15. conduct fi_____nd research | <i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source |
| 16. avoid climate cat_____he | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune |
| 17. gro_____rk study | <i>n.</i> the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something |
| 18. g__f stream | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land |
| 19. devastating cy_____e | <i>n.</i> a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs |

ANSWERS: 10. resilient, 11. resilient, 12. intrude, 13. drawdown, 14. empower, 15. firsthand, 16. catastrophe, 17. groundwork, 18. gulf, 19. cyclone

20. und_____yed population *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
21. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
22. outdoor adv_____ers *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
23. investment dr_____wn *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
24. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
25. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
26. bear the br__t *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
27. in_____e on his personal space *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
28. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
29. und_____yed graduates *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

ANSWERS: 20. underemployed, 21. grandchild, 22. adventurer, 23. drawdown, 24. catastrophe, 25. grandchild, 26. brunt, 27. intrude, 28. nurture, 29. underemployed

30. nu_____e love
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
31. the br__t of criticism
n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
32. a tra_____ry missile
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
33. di_____ce the explosive power
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
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35. g__f war
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
36. b__y emotion
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 30. nurture, 31. brunt, 32. trajectory, 33. displace, 34. displace, 35. gulf, 36. bury

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. They laid the _____ for the new project by conducting thorough research.
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ANSWERS: 1. underemployed, 2. trajectory, 3. empowered, 4. groundwork, 5. Gulf, 6. avalanche, 7. grandchild

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v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. bury, 9. brunt, 10. resilient, 11. displace, 12. catastrophe, 13. firsthand, 14. adventurer, 15. intruded

16. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.

- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

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- n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

18. The _____ strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

- n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 16. nurture, 17. drawdown, 18. cyclone's