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Session 1: Word List

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym : summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

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.

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym : humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church
synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

dynamism

n. the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action

synonym: energy, liveliness, vigor

(1) the **dynamism** of the market, (2) creative **dynamism**

The **dynamism** of the new CEO has revitalized the struggling company.

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.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

fabricate

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

synonym: manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

synonym: illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. historic ha___t | <i>n.</i> a small village or settlement, often without a church |
| 2. de_____e his public image | <i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 3. move into a nu_____ll | <i>n.</i> the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something |
| 4. ha___t village | <i>n.</i> a small village or settlement, often without a church |
| 5. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 6. cadmium-po_____ed area | <i>adj.</i> contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 7. co_____ge from different points | <i>v.</i> to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet |
| 8. suffer an in_____ty | <i>n.</i> an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment |
| 9. an ag__e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |

ANSWERS: 1. hamlet, 2. degrade, 3. nutshell, 4. hamlet, 5. determinant, 6. polluted, 7. converge, 8. indignity, 9. agile

10. dec_____ize organizational structure
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
11. po_____ed air
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
12. the wel_____ng of a nation
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
13. re_____le these differences
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
14. in_____n act
adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
15. re_____le a dispute
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
16. re_____k a marketing plan
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
17. a sense of wel_____ng
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. fa_____te an excuse
v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

ANSWERS: 10. decentralize, 11. polluted, 12. well-being, 13. reconcile, 14. inhuman, 15. reconcile, 16. rethink, 17. well-being, 18. fabricate

19. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
20. creative dy____sm *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
21. co____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
22. il____ry wealth *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
23. co____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
24. the dy____sm of the market *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
25. nu____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
26. il____ry hope *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
27. in____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

ANSWERS: 19. agile, 20. dynamism, 21. converge, 22. illusory, 23. commute, 24. dynamism, 25. nutshell, 26. illusory, 27. inhuman

28. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
29. daily co____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
30. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
31. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
32. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
33. dec____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
34. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
35. fa____te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

ANSWERS: 28. warp, 29. commute, 30. determinant, 31. warp, 32. degrade, 33. decentralize, 34. rethink, 35. fabricate

36. in_____ty of poverty

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

ANSWERS: 36. indignity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the new CEO has revitalized the struggling company.
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2. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
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4. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
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5. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
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7. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
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ANSWERS: 1. dynamism, 2. determinant, 3. agile, 4. inhuman, 5. hamlet, 6. converge, 7. reconcile

8. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
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9. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
- v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
10. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
- adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
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- n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
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ANSWERS: 8. commute, 9. decentralize, 10. polluted, 11. well-being, 12. nutshell?, 13. illusory, 14. warped, 15. indignity

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ANSWERS: 16. degrade, 17. rethink, 18. fabricated