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Session 1: Word List

amiss

adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected

synonym : wrong, awry, graceless

(1) take her words **amiss**, (2) something is **amiss**

It would not be **amiss** to tell him the facts in advance.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of

time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

timestamp

n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

disarray

n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

synonym : chaos, mess, confusion

(1) fall into **disarray**, (2) with her clothes in **disarray** .

The country's economic policies have led to political **disarray**.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

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.

defunct

adj. no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use

synonym : inactive, non-functioning, extinct

(1) **defunct** company, (2) **defunct** law

The **defunct** amusement park was once a popular attraction.

booster

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

synonym : promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym :

clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
2. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
3. a UNIX ti_____mp *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
4. de_____t law *adj.* no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use
5. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
6. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
7. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
8. metabolism bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
9. morale bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 1. grind, 2. catastrophic, 3. timestamp, 4. defunct, 5. synchronize, 6. congest, 7. congest, 8. booster, 9. booster

10. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
11. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
13. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
14. something is am__s *adj.* not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected
15. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
16. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
17. take her words am__s *adj.* not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected
18. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
19. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
20. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 10. determinant, 11. medicinal, 12. coop, 13. disrupt, 14. amiss, 15. troop, 16. medicinal, 17. amiss, 18. creditor, 19. troop, 20. determinant

21. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
22. 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
23. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
24. de_____t company *adj.* no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use
25. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
26. the fl__e of a match *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
27. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
28. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
29. fall into di_____ay *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

ANSWERS: 21. synchronize, 22. flare, 23. disrupt, 24. defunct, 25. grind, 26. flare, 27. creditor, 28. coop, 29. disarray

30. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
31. with her clothes in di_____ay. *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
32. the ti_____mp on a file *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

ANSWERS: 30. catastrophic, 31. disarray, 32. timestamp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
 - v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

2. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
 - v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

3. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
 - v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

4. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
 - v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

5. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
 - n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

6. The country's economic policies have led to political _____.
 - n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. coop, 2. grind, 3. disrupt, 4. synchronized, 5. troop, 6. disarray, 7. determinant

8. The _____ amusement park was once a popular attraction.

adj. no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use

9. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

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

10. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

11. It would not be _____ to tell him the facts in advance.

adj. not quite right, not suitable, or not as expected

12. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

13. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

14. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

15. The engineer checked the log records' _____ to investigate the system's bug.

n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

ANSWERS: 8. defunct, 9. flared, 10. medicinal, 11. amiss, 12. catastrophic, 13. congested, 14. creditor, 15. timestamps

16. The energy drink is marketed as a _____ to help athletes perform better.

- n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 16. booster