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Session 1: Word List

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

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.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

rife

adj. full of, abundant with, or commonly present or encountered, often used to describe something undesirable or harmful

synonym: prevalent, abundant, widespread

(1) **rife** with rumors, (2) **rife** with uncertainty

Misinformation is **rife** on social media platforms.

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.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the

ability to meet their needs better.

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.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

loft

n. a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

synonym: attic, garret, upper chamber

(1) **loft** apartment, (2) warehouse **loft**

The artist's **loft** was filled with natural light and creative

energy.

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.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

beautify

v. to enhance the physical appearance of something by making it more attractive or aesthetically pleasing; to make something more attractive or appealing in general

synonym: embellish, enhance, decorate

(1) **beautify** my skin, (2) **beautify** a room

The city plans to **beautify** the park with new flowers and trees.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

worsen

v. to become or make something worse

synonym: languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. wo___n a relation | <i>v.</i> to become or make something worse |
| 2. flu pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 3. wi_____re spread | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope |
| 4. mo_____ze cooperation | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 5. re_____e speed | <i>n.</i> a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone |
| 6. 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 |
| 7. en__t new legislation | <i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 8. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 9. unb_____le heat | <i>adj.</i> not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable |
| 10. m__d allergy | <i>n.</i> a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long |

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11. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
12. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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15. l__t apartment *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
16. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
17. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
18. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
19. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 11. coronavirus, 12. opportune, 13. pandemic, 14. segregate, 15. loft, 16. segregate, 17. enact, 18. overwhelm, 19. mold

20. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
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ANSWERS: 20. wildfire, 21. resilient, 22. beautify, 23. interconnect, 24. rife, 25. redline, 26. opportune, 27. rife, 28. unbearable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. resilient, 9. interconnect, 10. overwhelm, 11. coronavirus, 12. wildfire, 13. mobilized, 14. unbearable

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