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Session 1: Word List

legislate

v. to make or enact laws; to exert control or influence through the creation or enforcement of laws

synonym: enact, pass, establish

(1) **legislate** gun control, (2) **legislate** against discrimination

The government needs to **legislate** stricter laws to protect the environment.

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.

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.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

remit

n. the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

synonym: payment, settlement, remittance

(1) tax **remit**, (2) **remit** by cable

The **remit** of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

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.

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.

blighted

adj. damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth

synonym : ruined, destroyed, devastated

(1) **blighted** city, (2) **blighted** area

The abandoned building was **blighted** and had become an eyesore in the town.

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.

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**.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases

in performance.

statin

n. a type of drug used to lower cholesterol levels in the blood, typically by inhibiting an enzyme involved in cholesterol production

synonym: cholesterol-lowering drug

(1) take a **statin** pill, (2) **statin** therapy

The side effects of **statins** can include muscle pain and weakness.

splendor

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

synonym: brightness, magnificence, grandeur

(1) **splendor** of nature, (2) **splendor** of art

The **splendor** of the palace was breathtaking.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sp_____or of nature | <i>n.</i> great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence |
| 2. rise nearly hun_____ld | <i>adj.</i> a hundred times as great or as much |
| 3. co_____t a highway | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 4. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 5. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 6. inc_____ze carpooling | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward |
| 7. inc_____ze the right behavior | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward |
| 8. geographical bo____y | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of plants |
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12. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
13. 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
14. bl____ed area *adj.* damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth
15. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
16. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 12. embed, 13. congest, 14. blighted, 15. adversity, 16. opportune, 17. commute, 18. coronavirus, 19. remit

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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