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Session 1: Word List

electrify

- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

- (1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

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.

blackout

- n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary

loss of consciousness

synonym : outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym : thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

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.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym : conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym : wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

negotiable

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

synonym : flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary

The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

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.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym : embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**
He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

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.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
synonym : broaden, enlarge, extend
(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
synonym : segregation, discrimination, oppression
(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies
The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

patronizing

adj. displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude
synonym : condescending, superior
(1) **patronizing** remark, (2) **patronizing** behavior
The manager's attitude towards his employees was **patronizing**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym : underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

hydro

n. a prefix denoting water or relating to water, usually used in scientific or technical terminology

synonym : water, aqua, liquid

(1) **hydro** power, (2) **hydro** turbine

The **hydro** plant generates electricity by harnessing the power of water.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fo_____nts in the snow
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
2. strong se_____l
n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
3. pat_____ng remark
adj. displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude
4. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
5. geo_____al activity
adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
6. con_____ory evidence
adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
7. make dr_____c revision
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
8. begin to r_t
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 1. footprint, 2. seawall, 3. patronizing, 4. footprint, 5. geothermal, 6. contradictory, 7. drastic, 8. rot

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| 9. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 10. a neg_____le bill | <i>adj.</i> capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation |
| 11. as___e to greatness | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 12. water des_____ion | <i>n.</i> the process of removing salt, especially from seawater |
| 13. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 14. ex_____e in popularity | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 15. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 16. memory bl_____ut | <i>n.</i> a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness |
| 17. ab____t failure | <i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless |
| 18. pr_____r in the long run | <i>v.</i> to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish |
| 19. lif_____ng efforts | <i>n.</i> the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning |

ANSWERS: 9. resilient, 10. negotiable, 11. aspire, 12. desalination, 13. industrious, 14. explode, 15. resilient, 16. blackout, 17. abject, 18. prosper, 19. lifesaving

20. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
21. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
22. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
23. ab___t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
24. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
25. cor_____us antibody test kit *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
26. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
27. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
28. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 20. soar, 21. soar, 22. apartheid, 23. abject, 24. explode, 25. coronavirus, 26. contradictory, 27. sub-Saharan, 28. aspire

29. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
30. 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
31. hy__o power *n.* a prefix denoting water or relating to water, usually used in scientific or technical terminology
32. se_____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
33. the arrest of the cu_____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
34. shut down a des_____ion plant *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
35. up____d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
36. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
37. neg_____le salary *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

ANSWERS: 29. lifesaving, 30. coronavirus, 31. hydro, 32. seawall, 33. culprit, 34. desalination, 35. uphold, 36. uphold, 37. negotiable

38. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
39. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
40. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
41. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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ANSWERS: 38. prioritize, 39. decarbonize, 40. industrious, 41. opportune, 42. electrify, 43. hydro, 44. widen, 45. culprit, 46. drastic, 47. sub-Saharan, 48. rot, 49. opportune

50. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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52. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
53. pr_____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
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55. media bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
56. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
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ANSWERS: 50. electrify, 51. prioritize, 52. decarbonize, 53. prosper, 54. patronizing, 55. blackout, 56. widen, 57. geothermal, 58. apartheid

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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