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Session 1: Word List

culpa

n. guilt or blame, usually referring to legal or moral responsibility for a wrongdoing

synonym: blame, fault, guilt

(1) assign him full **culpa**, (2) **culpa** in mishandling the situation

The CEO resigned, accepting **culpa** for the company's financial troubles.

demography

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

synonym: population statistics, human ecology

(1) **demography** study, (2) the city's **demography** report

The **demography** of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to

burnout.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym: devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

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.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym : social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues
The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

confound

v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

synonym: confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

monolith

n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

synonym: monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

heterogeneity

n. the quality or state of being composed of diverse or varied elements, at odds or not uniform in nature or composition

synonym: variety, diversity, heterogeneity

(1) **heterogeneity** of opinions, (2) linguistic **heterogeneity**

The city's population **heterogeneity** reflects its residents' diverse backgrounds and cultures.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

outvote

v. to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support

synonym : oust, defeat, surpass

(1) **outvote** opponents, (2) **outvote** the dissenters

We must convince more people to side with us, or they'll **outvote** us at the next election.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym : rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

outspoken

adj. frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial

synonym : vocal, blunt, frank

(1) **outspoken** critic, (2) **outspoken** journalist

She was known for being **outspoken** and speaking her mind.

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.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cu__a in mishandling the situation | <i>n.</i> guilt or blame, usually referring to legal or moral responsibility for a wrongdoing |
| 2. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 3. the di_____ty between theory and reality | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things |
| 4. dis_____ely high | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else |
| 5. flu pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 6. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 7. tr__p card | <i>n.</i> a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |
| 8. ou_____e the dissenters | <i>v.</i> to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support |
| 9. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 10. qualified for an el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 11. fe_____ss bravery | <i>adj.</i> having no fear; brave |

ANSWERS: 1. culpa, 2. smartphone, 3. disparity, 4. disproportionately, 5. pandemic, 6. pandemic, 7. trump, 8. outvote, 9. excite, 10. elector, 11. fearless

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| 12. ass_____te into society | <i>v.</i> | to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate |
| 13. architect's bl_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine |
| 14. income di_____ty | <i>n.</i> | a significant difference or inequality between two or more things |
| 15. ent_____hip culture | <i>n.</i> | the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one |
| 16. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 17. ou_____e opponents | <i>v.</i> | to defeat or prevail over someone or a group in a vote or election by having more votes or support |
| 18. towering mo_____th | <i>n.</i> | a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance |
| 19. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> | a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 20. choose tr__p | <i>n.</i> | a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games |
| 21. I was dr__ned in work | <i>v.</i> | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 22. as__d the ladder | <i>v.</i> | to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power |

ANSWERS: 12. assimilate, 13. blueprint, 14. disparity, 15. entrepreneurship, 16. opportune, 17. outvote, 18. monolith, 19. elector, 20. trump, 21. drown, 22. ascend

23. heart ai____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
24. co____nd the problem *v.* to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical
25. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
26. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
27. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
28. 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
29. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
30. ou_____en critic *adj.* frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial
31. het_____ity of opinions *n.* the quality or state of being composed of diverse or varied elements, at odds or not uniform in nature or composition

ANSWERS: 23. ailment, 24. confound, 25. blueprint, 26. livable, 27. entrepreneurship, 28. coronavirus, 29. obsessive, 30. outspoken, 31. heterogeneity

32. dem_____hy study *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
33. soc_____mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
34. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
35. ca_____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
36. ou_____en journalist *adj.* frank and candid in speech or expression; not afraid to speak one's mind or voice one's opinions, even if unpopular or controversial
37. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
38. ra___e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
39. the city's dem_____hy report *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

ANSWERS: 32. demography, 33. socioeconomic, 34. audacious, 35. callous, 36. outspoken, 37. livable, 38. ravage, 39. demography

40. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
41. 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
42. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
43. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
44. ra___e the brain *v.* to cause damage to something badly
45. ca_____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
46. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
47. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
48. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

ANSWERS: 40. haunt, 41. coronavirus, 42. ascend, 43. hinder, 44. ravage, 45. callous, 46. assimilate, 47. reimagine, 48. hinder

49. age-related ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
50. metal mo_____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
51. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
52. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
53. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
54. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
55. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
56. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
57. assign him full cu__a *n.* guilt or blame, usually referring to legal or moral responsibility for a wrongdoing
58. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
59. linguistic het_____ity *n.* the quality or state of being composed of diverse or varied elements, at odds or not uniform in nature or composition

ANSWERS: 49. ailment, 50. monolith, 51. inequity, 52. obsessive, 53. inequity, 54. fearless, 55. smartphone, 56. socioeconomic, 57. culpa, 58. reimagine, 59. heterogeneity

60. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
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ANSWERS: 60. excite, 61. audacious, 62. haunt, 63. drown, 64. opportune, 65. confound, 66. disproportionately

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.
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ANSWERS: 7. excited, 8. blueprint, 9. confounded, 10. culpa, 11. trump, 12. opportune, 13. ailment, 14. demography

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