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Session 1: Word List

strew

v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

synonym: scatter, sprinkle, disperse

(1) **strew** the room with balloons, (2) **strew** garbage
The wind **strew** the leaves all over the lawn.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

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.

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**.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym: delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

polyethylene

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE

synonym: PE, plastic, polymer

(1) high-density **polyethylene**, (2) **polyethylene**

terephthalate

The food packaging was made of **polyethylene** film.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de_____e environmental quality | v. | to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 2. e__t a gamma ray | v. | to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 3. environmental det_____nt | n. | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 4. de_____e his public image | v. | to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others |
| 5. ci_____te a rumor | v. | to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system |
| 6. make a fl___y excuse | adj. | very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used |
| 7. pol_____ene terephthalate | n. | a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE |
| 8. fo_____nts in the snow | n. | a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |

ANSWERS: 1. degrade, 2. emit, 3. determinant, 4. degrade, 5. circulate, 6. flimsy, 7. polyethylene, 8. footprint

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| 9. a piece of ch__k | <i>n.</i> a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards |
| 10. ti____c battle | <i>adj.</i> of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element) |
| 11. e__t air pollution | <i>v.</i> to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 12. qu____fy blood flow | <i>v.</i> to express or measure something in numerical terms |
| 13. qu____fy the results | <i>v.</i> to express or measure something in numerical terms |
| 14. st__w garbage | <i>v.</i> to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way |
| 15. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 16. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 17. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 18. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 19. high-density pol_____ene | <i>n.</i> a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE |

ANSWERS: 9. chalk, 10. titanic, 11. emit, 12. quantify, 13. quantify, 14. strew, 15. determinant, 16. recycle, 17. recycle, 18. footprint, 19. polyethylene

20. t__e her books in a colorful backpack
v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
21. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
22. ch__k on a blackboard
n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
23. ti_____c compound
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
24. st__w the room with balloons
v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
25. a fl___y structure
adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
26. t__e a cell-phone
v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 20. tote, 21. circulate, 22. chalk, 23. titanic, 24. strew, 25. flimsy, 26. tote

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
2. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.
v. to express or measure something in numerical terms
3. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
4. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
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5. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
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7. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?
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ANSWERS: 1. footprint, 2. quantify, 3. recycle, 4. titanic, 5. emits, 6. determinant, 7. tote

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- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
9. The wind _____ the leaves all over the lawn.
- v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
10. The food packaging was made of _____ film.
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11. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
- v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
12. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
- n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
13. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.
- adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

ANSWERS: 8. degrade, 9. strew, 10. polyethylene, 11. circulates, 12. chalk, 13. flimsy