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Session 1: Word List

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

enshrine

v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

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**.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

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.

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.

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.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

ventilate

v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

synonym : air out, circulate, freshen

(1) **ventilate** my opinion, (2) **ventilate** air

It's important to **ventilate** the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym : bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

nestle

v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

synonym: snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot
The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community
The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance
I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. give a person a nu__e
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
2. 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
3. liv_____od assistance
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
4. su___e leather
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
5. m__h attracted to the light
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
6. bo_____om meeting
n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
7. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. r__p the benefits
v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 1. nudge, 2. coronavirus, 3. livelihood, 4. supple, 5. moth, 6. boardroom, 7. industrious, 8. reap

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| 9. ne___e deeper against him | v. | to settle comfortably or cozily into a place |
| 10. a means of liv_____od | n. | a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 11. fo_____nts in the snow | n. | a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 12. a lo__y peak | adj. | elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language |
| 13. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | n. | a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 14. flu pa_____ic | n. | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 15. the ba_____sh from the community | n. | a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 16. m__h larva | n. | an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light |
| 17. su___e muscles | adj. | flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas |
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| 21. global pa____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
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| 23. lo__y ambitions | <i>adj.</i> elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language |
| 24. political ba____sh | <i>n.</i> a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 25. ve_____te air | <i>v.</i> to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it |
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| 29. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 30. en_____ne memories | <i>v.</i> to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect |
| 31. ag__e in his movements | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
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ANSWERS: 21. pandemic, 22. nestle, 23. lofty, 24. backlash, 25. ventilate, 26. nudge, 27. boardroom, 28. imbalance, 29. industrious, 30. enshrine, 31. agile, 32. reap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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16. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 10. moth, 11. boardroom, 12. coronavirus, 13. reaped, 14. nudged, 15. enshrines, 16. industrious

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18. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 17. ventilate, 18. improvisation