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Session 1: Word List

countdown

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

synonym : timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym: tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

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.

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of

chaos.

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.

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.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

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.

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**.

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.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the big up_____al of my life | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |
| 2. po_____e the thread | <i>v.</i> to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |
| 3. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 4. cor_____us antibody test kit | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 6. ch__e off the blood supply | <i>v.</i> to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something |
| 7. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 8. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |

ANSWERS: 1. upheaval, 2. pollute, 3. disrupt, 4. coronavirus, 5. opportune, 6. choke, 7. pandemic, 8. resilient

9. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
10. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
11. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
12. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
13. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
15. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
16. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
17. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
18. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

ANSWERS: 9. wildfire, 10. pandemic, 11. cyclone, 12. resilient, 13. confer, 14. pollute, 15. emit, 16. mobilize, 17. footprint, 18. footprint

19. wedding co_____wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
20. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
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22. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
24. up_____al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
25. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
26. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
27. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 19. countdown, 20. applaud, 21. coronavirus, 22. opportune, 23. disrupt, 24. upheaval, 25. industrious, 26. choke, 27. wildfire

28. devastating cy____e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
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32. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
33. co____wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
34. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 28. cyclone, 29. applaud, 30. industrious, 31. confer, 32. emit, 33. countdown, 34. mobilize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. emits, 3. upheaval, 4. confer, 5. pandemic, 6. mobilized, 7.

countdown, 8. coronavirus,

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ANSWERS: 9. cyclone's, 10. applaud, 11. industrious, 12. opportune, 13. disrupt, 14. footprint, 15. choke, 16. pollute

17. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
- n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 17. wildfire