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Session 1: Word List

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
synonym: sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority
synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

acorn

n. the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals

synonym : seed, nut, mast

(1) **acorn** woodpecker, (2) **acorn** squash

The squirrel gathered **acorns** to prepare for the winter months.

gnarled

adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

synonym : knotty, twisted, contorted

(1) **gnarled** fingers, (2) **gnarled** branches

The **gnarled** tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

irrefutable

adj. impossible to deny, challenge, or dispute

synonym : undeniable, incontrovertible, indubitable

(1) an **irrefutable** argument, (2) **irrefutable** facts

The evidence was **irrefutable** and convinced the jury.

irreversible

adj. impossible to change or return to a previous condition

synonym : irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change

The development of agricultural technology has had an **irreversible** impact on humanity.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

moonshot

n. an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

synonym : initiative, endeavor, pursuit

(1) AI **moonshot**, (2) **moonshot** idea

The company's **moonshot** project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

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.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

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.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

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.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

blip

n. a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

(1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**

The stock market had one bad **blip** today.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
3. ac__n squash *n.* the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals
4. temporary b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
5. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
6. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
7. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
8. an irr_____le argument *adj.* impossible to deny, challenge, or dispute
9. 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

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. amaze, 3. acorn, 4. blip, 5. optimist, 6. pandemic, 7. humming, 8. irrefutable, 9. coronavirus

10. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
11. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
12. minor b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
13. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
14. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
15. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
16. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
17. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
18. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
19. Al mo_____ot *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
20. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 10. stark, 11. intractable, 12. blip, 13. revive, 14. unleash, 15. amaze, 16. determinant, 17. encompass, 18. revive, 19. moonshot, 20. ingenuity

21. avoid irr_____ble damage *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
24. ac__n woodpecker *n.* the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals
25. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
26. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
27. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
28. an irr_____ble change *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
29. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
30. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
31. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 21. irreversible, 22. opportune, 23. pandemic, 24. acorn, 25. terrifying, 26. encompass, 27. intractable, 28. irreversible, 29. stark, 30. optimist, 31. determinant

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33. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
34. an absolute mo_____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
35. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
36. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
37. days to ge_____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
38. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
39. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
40. gn_____d branches *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
41. gn_____d fingers *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
42. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
43. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 32. coronavirus, 33. unleash, 34. monarch, 35. repurpose, 36. peril, 37. germinate, 38. ingenuity, 39. peril, 40. gnarled, 41. gnarled, 42. conquer, 43. conquer

44. irr_____le facts *adj.* impossible to deny, challenge, or dispute
45. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
46. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
47. mo_____ot idea *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
48. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
49. ge_____te the idea *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
50. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

ANSWERS: 44. irrefutable, 45. terrifying, 46. humming, 47. moonshot, 48. repurpose, 49. germinate, 50. monarch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The development of agricultural technology has had an _____ impact on humanity.

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7. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

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10. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
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ANSWERS: 8. pandemic, 9. optimist, 10. unleash, 11. germinated, 12. intractable, 13. stark, 14. coronavirus, 15. terrifying

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22. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

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v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

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ANSWERS: 24. acorns, 25. opportune