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Session 1: Word List

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym : interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on

each other for survival.

entangle

v. to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

synonym: ensnare, entrap, involve

(1) **entangle** in wires, (2) emotionally **entangle**

The vines of the plant **entangled** themselves around the trellis.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right,

no matter the cost.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

unbridled

adj. lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled

synonym: unrestrained, unchecked, unfettered

(1) **unbridled** power, (2) **unbridled** creativity

Her **unbridled** enthusiasm for the project helped to motivate the team.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

practicality

n. the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones

synonym : usefulness, functionality, pragmatism

(1) the **practicality** of the solution, (2) lack of **practicality**

The company chose a more expensive option to prioritize **practicality** over aesthetics.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

swelter

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

synonym : simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym : roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

- roil**
- v.* to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group
- synonym* : agitate, stir up, turbulate
- (1) **roil** the water, (2) **roil** the global economy
- The breakup of the famous band **roiled** their fans, leading to disappointment and sadness.
- adversary**
- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
- synonym* : opponent, enemy, foe
- (1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**
- The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.
- 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**.
- negate**
- v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
- synonym* : refuse, nullify, annul
- (1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system
- Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.
- seduce**
- v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
- synonym* : tempt, lure, entice
- (1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
- He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.
- 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.

smallholding

n. a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

synonym : small farm, homestead, mini ranch

(1) **smallholding** farm, (2) **smallholding** agriculture

The farmer's **smallholding** was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

accompaniment

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

synonym : support, aide, attendant

(1) the piano **accompaniment**, (2) **accompaniment** to the main course

The piano provided a beautiful **accompaniment** to the singer's voice.

gout

n. a form of arthritis characterized by sudden and severe pain, tenderness, and inflammation in the joints, particularly in the big toe, caused by an accumulation of uric acid in the blood

synonym : arthritis, rheumatism, joint pain

(1) **gout** treatment, (2) **gout** arthritis

The rich food and drink were delicious but gave him painful **gout** in his toes.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer
The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love
She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

rainstorm

n. a heavy fall of rain

synonym: downpour, deluge, cloudburst

(1) furious **rainstorm**, (2) brave a **rainstorm**

The severe **rainstorm** caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym: unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

Session 2: Spelling

1. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
2. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
3. un_____ed creativity *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled
4. brave a ra_____rm *n.* a heavy fall of rain
5. the textile we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
6. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
7. sw_____r under the scorching sun *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
8. g__t treatment *n.* a form of arthritis characterized by sudden and severe pain, tenderness, and inflammation in the joints, particularly in the big toe, caused by an accumulation of uric acid in the blood
9. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
10. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. prioritize, 3. unbridled, 4. rainstorm, 5. weaver, 6. rickety, 7. swelter, 8. gout, 9. platonic, 10. slogan

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| 11. environmental pe__l | <i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk |
| 12. ye__n for love | <i>v.</i> to strongly desire or long for something |
| 13. the pe__l of the sea | <i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk |
| 14. catchy sl___n | <i>n.</i> a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea |
| 15. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 16. r__l the global economy | <i>v.</i> to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group |
| 17. as_____d the viewer | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 18. pri_____ze people over cars | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 19. political op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 20. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 21. emotionally en_____le | <i>v.</i> to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape |

ANSWERS: 11. peril, 12. yearn, 13. peril, 14. slogan, 15. industrious, 16. roil, 17. astound, 18. prioritize, 19. optimism, 20. industrious, 21. entangle

22. di_____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
23. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
24. sma_____ing farm *n.* a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit
25. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
26. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
27. tapestry we_____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
28. the pra_____ity of the solution *n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones
29. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
30. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
31. un_____ed power *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled

ANSWERS: 22. divisive, 23. explode, 24. smallholding, 25. immerse, 26. reshape, 27. weaver, 28. practicality, 29. astound, 30. adversary, 31. unbridled

32. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
33. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
34. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
35. pl____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
36. ne___e the possibility *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
37. tackle the problem ur____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
38. cat____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
39. sw____r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
40. be___n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
41. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

ANSWERS: 32. idealist, 33. yearn, 34. slum, 35. platonic, 36. negate, 37. urgently, 38. catastrophic, 39. swelter, 40. beckon, 41. folly

42. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
43. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
44. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
45. se_____e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
46. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
47. en_____le in wires *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
48. lack of pra_____ity *n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones
49. ne_____e the existing system *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
50. s____m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 42. interdependent, 43. cofounder, 44. immerse, 45. seduce, 46. interdependent, 47. entangle, 48. practicality, 49. negate, 50. slum

51. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
52. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
53. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
54. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
55. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
56. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
57. ro_____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
58. furious ra_____rm *n.* a heavy fall of rain
59. ri_____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

ANSWERS: 51. urgently, 52. adversary, 53. cynical, 54. idealist, 55. folly, 56. seduce, 57. rooftop, 58. rainstorm, 59. rickety

60. sma_____ing agriculture *n.* a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit
61. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
62. the piano acc_____ent *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
63. acc_____ent to the main course *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
64. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
65. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
66. suppress di_____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
67. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
68. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 60. smallholding, 61. shack, 62. accompaniment, 63. accompaniment, 64. optimism, 65. shack, 66. divisive, 67. reshape, 68. sever

69. ro____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
70. ab____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
71. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
72. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
73. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
74. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
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ANSWERS: 69. rooftop, 70. abolish, 71. sever, 72. devastate, 73. devastate, 74. explode, 75. cofounder, 76. cynical, 77. electrify, 78. gout, 79. beckon

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ANSWERS: 80. roil, 81. abolish, 82. catastrophic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farmer's _____ was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.
 - n.* a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

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6. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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ANSWERS: 1. smallholding, 2. accompaniment, 3. seduce, 4. rooftop, 5. reshaped, 6. electrify, 7. severed

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9. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
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adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 8. devastate, 9. catastrophic, 10. adversary, 11. abolish, 12. cofounder, 13. idealist, 14. folly, 15. urgently

16. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.
adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
17. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
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adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
23. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

ANSWERS: 16. rickety, 17. slogans, 18. negate, 19. practicality, 20. optimism, 21. roiled, 22. platonic, 23. interdependent

24. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
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- n.* a form of arthritis characterized by sudden and severe pain, tenderness, and inflammation in the joints, particularly in the big toe, caused by an accumulation of uric acid in the blood
30. The vines of the plant _____ themselves around the trellis.
- v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
31. The heat was so intense that it made us _____.
- v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 24. slums, 25. prioritized, 26. weaver, 27. shack, 28. unbridled, 29. gout, 30. entangled, 31. swelter

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39. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

40. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 32. astounding, 33. immersed, 34. peril, 35. yearned, 36. industrious, 37. beckoned, 38. exploded, 39. divisive, 40. cynical

41. The severe _____ caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.

n. a heavy fall of rain

ANSWERS: 41. rainstorm