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Session 1: Word List

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

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.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims
I feel so **helpless** without you.

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.

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.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

anemia

n. a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

synonym : bloodlessness, pallor, weakness

(1) **anemia** symptoms, (2) **anemia** disease

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **anemia** due to a lack of iron in their blood.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

updatable

adj. capable of being updated or modified with new information, data, or software

synonym : upgradeable, modernizable

(1) **updatable** operating system, (2) **updatable** database

The software is **updatable**, so users can always access the latest version with improved features.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

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**.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym : battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

Session 2: Spelling

1. at the fr_____ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
2. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
3. an___a disease *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something
4. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
5. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
6. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
7. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 1. frontline, 2. polio, 3. anemia, 4. displace, 5. improvisation, 6. malnutrition, 7. polio

8. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
9. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
10. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. sw___e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
12. memorial pl___a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
13. fr_____ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
14. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
15. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
16. a s___m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
17. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 8. helpless, 9. mobilize, 10. electrify, 11. swipe, 12. plaza, 13. frontline, 14. smartphone, 15. pandemic, 16. sham, 17. helpless

18. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
19. 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
20. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
21. sw___e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
22. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
23. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. up_____le operating system *adj.* capable of being updated or modified with new information, data, or software
25. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
26. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
27. an___a symptoms *n.* a medical condition in which the body lacks enough red blood cells or hemoglobin, causing fatigue, weakness, or difficulty breathing; a lack of vitality or liveliness in something

ANSWERS: 18. disrespect, 19. electrify, 20. vaccinate, 21. swipe, 22. smartphone, 23. improvisation, 24. updatable, 25. disrespect, 26. displace, 27. anemia

36. up_____le database

adj. capable of being updated or modified with new information, data, or software

37. cor_____us bankruptcy

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38. of_____e course

adj. not connected to the internet

39. of_____e mode

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40. ine_____nt management

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 36. updatable, 37. coronavirus, 38. offline, 39. offline, 40. inefficient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
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- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 16. electrify, 17. anemia, 18. swipe, 19. disrespectful, 20. pandemic