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Session 1: Word List

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

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**.

calamity

n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

synonym: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

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.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

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.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym : unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

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**.

mentorship

n. a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

synonym : guidance, coaching, tutorship

(1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

malnourished

adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

synonym : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

Malnourished children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

multicountry

adj. involving or encompassing more than one country or nation; relating to, consisting of, or affecting multiple countries

synonym : multinational, cross-border, global

(1) **multicountry** study, (2) **multicountry** tour

A **multicountry** trade agreement was signed to help boost

economic growth.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

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.

implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

synonym: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a means of liv_____od | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 4. ast_____cal observation | <i>adj.</i> relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude |
| 5. im_____e assistance | <i>v.</i> to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy |
| 6. liv_____od assistance | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 7. hum_____de climate change | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial |
| 8. im_____le characteristics | <i>adj.</i> unchanging; permanent or unalterable |
| 9. sense of 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. livelihood, 2. optimism, 3. dedicate, 4. astronomical, 5. implore, 6. livelihood, 7. human-made, 8. immutable, 9. optimism

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| 10. financial ca_____ty | <i>n.</i> a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss |
| 11. in_____l confidence | <i>v.</i> to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually |
| 12. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 13. as_____d the viewer | <i>v.</i> to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much |
| 14. men_____ip program | <i>n.</i> a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person |
| 15. ast_____cal numbers | <i>adj.</i> relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude |
| 16. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 17. a dire ca_____ty | <i>n.</i> a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss |
| 18. im_____e forgiveness | <i>v.</i> to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy |
| 19. a worthless wr__k | <i>n.</i> a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident |
| 20. im_____le love | <i>adj.</i> unchanging; permanent or unalterable |
| 21. premature mal_____hed infant | <i>adj.</i> not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong |

ANSWERS: 10. calamity, 11. instill, 12. opportune, 13. astound, 14. mentorship, 15. astronomical, 16. pandemic, 17. calamity, 18. implore, 19. wreck, 20. immutable, 21. malnourished

22. mul_____try study *adj.* involving or encompassing more than one country or nation; relating to, consisting of, or affecting multiple countries
23. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
24. 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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27. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
28. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
29. mal_____hed population *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
30. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
31. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 22. multicountry, 23. human-made, 24. cyclone, 25. opportune, 26. instill, 27. pandemic, 28. dedicate, 29. malnourished, 30. monumental, 31. wreck

32. under his men_____ip *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
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34. mul_____try tour *adj.* involving or encompassing more than one country or nation; relating to, consisting of, or affecting multiple countries
35. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
36. 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

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. mentorship, 2. monumental, 3. implore, 4. opportune, 5. multicountry, 6. Malnourished, 7. dedicated

8. The cost of the new equipment was _____ and beyond the company's budget.

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ANSWERS: 8. astronomical, 9. cyclone's, 10. immutable;, 11. calamity, 12. human-made, 13. pandemic, 14. astounding, 15. livelihood

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