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Session 1: Word List

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym : arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

squatter

n. a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority

synonym : trespasser, occupant, interloper

(1) **squatter** settlement, (2) urban **squatter**

The city has many **squatters living** in abandoned buildings or streets.

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.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

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.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop
Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

innumerate

adj. unable to perform simple numerical calculations; having little or no skill in mathematics

synonym: countless, untold, innumerable

(1) **innumerate** population, (2) **innumerate** thinking
The survey results were rendered meaningless by the **innumerate** analysis of the data.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**
Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym: infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic
The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

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.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area
The country's prime minister has decided to implement a

nationwide **lockdown** measure.

hamper

v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

synonym: hinder, impede, obstruct

(1) **hamper** progress, (2) **hamper** growth

The piles of laundry on the floor **hampered my** ability to walk around my room.

tardy

adj. delayed beyond the usual or expected time; late or overdue

synonym: late, delayed, sluggish

(1) **tardy** arrival, (2) **tardy** response

The teacher marked the student **tardy** for being ten minutes late to class.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

tracer

n. a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

synonym: detector, tracker

(1) radioactive **tracer**, (2) biological **tracer**

The **tracer** gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.

redouble

v. to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor

synonym : intensify, multiply, repeat

(1) **redouble** vigilance, (2) **redouble** my determination
I need to **redouble** my efforts to finish this project on time.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym : core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym : retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. 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 |
| 2. bat_____und states | <i>n.</i> a place where a battle is fought |
| 3. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 4. re_____k a marketing plan | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 5. dis_____ate amount | <i>adj.</i> too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence |
| 6. inn_____te thinking | <i>adj.</i> unable to perform simple numerical calculations; having little or no skill in mathematics |
| 7. elite ca__e | <i>n.</i> a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement |
| 8. lo_____wn area | <i>n.</i> an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19 |
| 9. re_____s to childhood | <i>v.</i> to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate |

ANSWERS: 1. coronavirus, 2. battleground, 3. rethink, 4. rethink, 5. disproportionate, 6. innumerate, 7. cadre, 8. lockdown, 9. regress

10. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
11. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
12. mandatory qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
13. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
14. 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
15. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
16. ha___r progress *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
17. ta__y arrival *adj.* delayed beyond the usual or expected time; late or overdue
18. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 10. pandemic, 11. pandemic, 12. quarantine, 13. cadre, 14. displace, 15. disproportionately, 16. hamper, 17. tardy, 18. regress

19. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
20. sq_____er settlement *n.* a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority
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22. ha___r growth *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
23. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
24. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
25. inn_____te population *adj.* unable to perform simple numerical calculations; having little or no skill in mathematics

ANSWERS: 19. ironic, 20. squatter, 21. squatter, 22. hamper, 23. lockdown, 24. disproportionate, 25. innumerate

26. re____le vigilance *v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor
27. out of qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
28. 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
29. radioactive tr____r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image
30. ch_____a toxin *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
31. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
32. st____e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
33. ch_____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

ANSWERS: 26. redouble, 27. quarantine, 28. displace, 29. tracer, 30. cholera, 31. ironic, 32. staple, 33. cholera

34. ta__y response *adj.* delayed beyond the usual or expected time; late or overdue
35. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
36. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
37. biological tr___r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image
38. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
39. re_____le my determination *v.* to intensify or increase the effort or magnitude of something; to repeat or do something over again with increased intensity or fervor
40. cor_____us bankruptcy *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: 34. tardy, 35. disproportionately, 36. battleground, 37. tracer, 38. staple, 39. redouble, 40. coronavirus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

2. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
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3. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.
n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

4. The teacher marked the student _____ for being ten minutes late to class.
adj. delayed beyond the usual or expected time; late or overdue

5. The city has many _____ in abandoned buildings or streets.
n. a person who lives in or occupies a property or land without legal ownership or permission; a person who occupies a place or position without having the proper qualifications, training, or authority

6. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
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8. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
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ANSWERS: 8. displace, 9. innumerate, 10. rethink, 11. tracer, 12. cholera, 13. coronavirus,

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16. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.

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