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Session 1: Word List

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym: grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

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.

corona

n. a crown-shaped structure, often referring to the outermost layer of the Sun's atmosphere; a family of viruses known as coronaviruses; a halo or aura around a celestial body; a circular pattern or shape

synonym: crown, halo, circle

(1) **corona** layer, (2) **corona** outbreak

The **corona** virus has caused a global pandemic.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

fuse

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

synonym: (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

proofread

v. to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors

synonym : proof, check, edit

(1) **proofread** document, (2) **proofread** manuscript

The teacher asked the student to **proofread** the essay as part of the revision process

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.

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.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym : demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

antiviral

adj. inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses

(1) **antiviral** effect, (2) an **antiviral** agent

The doctor immediately prescribed **antiviral** drugs.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in___t other animal species | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 2. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. con_____us enthusiasm | <i>adj.</i> able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease |
| 5. dr_____t formation | <i>n.</i> a small drop of liquid |
| 6. cou_____ct global warming | <i>v.</i> to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it |
| 7. en_____ch on the habitat of the animal | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 8. for_____le challenge | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration |

ANSWERS: 1. infect, 2. opportune, 3. coronavirus, 4. contagious, 5. droplet, 6. counteract, 7. encroach, 8. formidable

9. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
10. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
11. f__e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
12. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
13. di___m opponents *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
14. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
15. pr_____ad document *v.* to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors
16. ca___n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
17. en_____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. contagious, 10. germ, 11. fuse, 12. embed, 13. disarm, 14. enclose, 15. proofread, 16. cavern, 17. encroach

18. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
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21. co___a outbreak *n.* a crown-shaped structure, often referring to the outermost layer of the Sun's atmosphere; a family of viruses known as coronaviruses; a halo or aura around a celestial body; a circular pattern or shape
22. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
23. an_____al effect *adj.* inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses
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ANSWERS: 18. pandemic, 19. coronavirus, 20. counteract, 21. corona, 22. embed, 23. antiviral, 24. pandemic, 25. fuse, 26. opportune

27. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
28. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
29. di___m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
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40. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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