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Session 1: Word List

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym : tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger
The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym : conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence
His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

daisy

n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

synonym : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in

her hair.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

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.

scaremongering

n. spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way;
(noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain

synonym: fearmongering, alarmism, panic-mongering

(1) **scaremongering** campaign, (2) media **scaremongering**

The politician's **scaremongering** tactics were criticized for unnecessarily inflaming public fears and anxieties.

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.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. apparently con_____ory | <i>adj.</i> containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 2. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 3. in_____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 4. da__y chain | <i>n.</i> a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead |
| 5. mi_____t worker | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 6. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 7. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 8. media sca_____ing | <i>n.</i> spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain |
| 9. in_____fy a good relationship | <i>v.</i> to increase or make something increase in extent or strength |

ANSWERS: 1. contradictory, 2. excite, 3. inherit, 4. daisy, 5. migrant, 6. posit, 7. excite, 8. scaremongering, 9. intensify

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| 10. hi___r athletic performance | <i>v.</i> | to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something |
| 11. asp_____on into the lungs | <i>n.</i> | a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 12. fa_____te the public | <i>v.</i> | to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 13. in_____fy diplomatic efforts | <i>v.</i> | to increase or make something increase in extent or strength |
| 14. the movement of mi_____t birds | <i>n.</i> | a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 15. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> | to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 16. und_____ate the probability | <i>v.</i> | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 17. sca_____ing campaign | <i>n.</i> | spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain |
| 18. und_____ate an enemy | <i>v.</i> | to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 19. ima_____ve as a child | <i>adj.</i> | having or showing new and creative ideas |
| 20. lawn da__y | <i>n.</i> | a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead |

ANSWERS: 10. hinder, 11. aspiration, 12. fascinate, 13. intensify, 14. migrant, 15. inherit, 16. underestimate, 17. scaremongering, 18. underestimate, 19. imaginative, 20. daisy

21. become increasingly fr____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
22. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
26. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
27. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
28. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
29. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
30. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
31. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
32. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 21. fraught, 22. aspiration, 23. opportune, 24. opportune, 25. imaginative, 26. embed, 27. embed, 28. posit, 29. contradictory, 30. fascinate, 31. hinder, 32. curate

33. fr____t with danger

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

34. perpetual cu____e

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 33. fraught, 34. curate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
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2. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.
adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

3. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

4. The news of her promotion _____ her.
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5. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

6. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

7. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 1. curate, 2. fraught, 3. intensify, 4. excited, 5. migrant, 6. aspiration, 7. imaginative

8. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
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v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
13. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
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15. She picked a blue _____ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
16. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 8. embedded, 9. fascinated, 10. contradictory, 11. inherited, 12. hindered, 13. underestimated, 14. opportune, 15. daisy, 16. posit

17. The politician's _____ tactics were criticized for unnecessarily inflaming public fears and anxieties.

- n.* spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain

ANSWERS: 17. scaremongering