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Session 1: Word List

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

downturn

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

synonym : decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health
The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

ramification

n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

synonym : fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**
The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation
This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks
The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

fluctuation

n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

synonym : change, instability, flux

(1) price **fluctuations**, (2) **fluctuation** of water level

Temperature **fluctuations** are often milder in oceanfront areas.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym : prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
2. do_____rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
3. the big up_____al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
4. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
5. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
6. the do_____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
7. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
8. up_____al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

ANSWERS: 1. revolutionize, 2. downturn, 3. upheaval, 4. disrupt, 5. discotheque, 6. downturn, 7. reliant, 8. upheaval

9. heavily re_____t on oil *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
10. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
11. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
12. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
13. price flu_____ons *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
14. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
15. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
16. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
17. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

ANSWERS: 9. reliant, 10. discotheque, 11. revolutionize, 12. geopolitical, 13. fluctuation, 14. mismatch, 15. recession, 16. prophecy, 17. long-lasting

18. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
19. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
20. political ram_____ion *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
21. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
22. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
23. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
24. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
25. ram_____ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
26. flu_____on of water level *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
27. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 18. long-lasting, 19. mismatch, 20. ramification, 21. creditor, 22. disrupt, 23. prophecy, 24. geopolitical, 25. ramification, 26. fluctuation, 27. recession

28. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
29. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
30. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

ANSWERS: 28. pinpoint, 29. creditor, 30. pinpoint

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
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ANSWERS: 1. disrupt, 2. downturn, 3. fluctuations, 4. creditor, 5. discotheque, 6. reliant, 7. pinpoints, 8. mismatch,

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