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Session 1: Word List

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym : endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

clarion

n. a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet

synonym : trumpet, bugle, horn

(1) **clarion** tone, (2) the **clarion** sound of the trumpet

The **clarion** call for social justice has been made by activists worldwide.

bioscience

n. a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology

synonym : life science, biotech

(1) **bioscience** research, (2) **bioscience** industry

The university's **bioscience** program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.

superbug

n. a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications

synonym : super bacteria, antibiotic-resistant bacteria

(1) **superbug** outbreak, (2) **superbug** infection

The hospital is battling a **superbug** that is resistant to antibiotics.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym : ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests

led to many complaints.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

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.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms
The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint
The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mi__c numerous instruments | v. | to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh |
| 2. cl_____n tone | n. | a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet |
| 3. exa_____te the situation | v. | to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse |
| 4. an env_____ist political party | n. | a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment |
| 5. mo_____ze a stiff joint | v. | to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 6. per ca___a sales | n. | a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. mo_____ze cooperation | v. | to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 9. com_____ize my patents | v. | to make something available for sale or use on a large scale |

ANSWERS: 1. mimic, 2. clarion, 3. exacerbate, 4. environmentalist, 5. mobilize, 6. capita, 7. disrupt, 8. mobilize, 9. commercialize

10. su____ug outbreak *n.* a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications
11. 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
12. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
13. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
14. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
15. jeo____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
16. the cl____n sound of the trumpet *n.* a loud, clear, and ringing sound, often used to signal an alarm, warning, or call to action; a type of medieval trumpet
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ANSWERS: 10. superbug, 11. disrupt, 12. industrious, 13. environmentalist, 14. capita, 15. jeopardize, 16. clarion, 17. bioscience, 18. bioscience

19. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
20. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
21. ine_____ncy in the system *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
22. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
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26. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
27. su_____ug infection *n.* a strain of bacteria that is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, making it difficult or impossible to treat with traditional medications
28. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
29. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 19. exacerbate, 20. trajectory, 21. inefficiency, 22. commercialize, 23. inefficiency, 24. trajectory, 25. jeopardize, 26. mimic, 27. superbug, 28. brew, 29. industrious

30. b__w beer

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

ANSWERS: 30. brew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
 - v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

2. The company is trying to _____ its new product.
 - v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

3. The _____ call for social justice has been made by activists worldwide.
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6. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
 - v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

7. The university's _____ program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.
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ANSWERS: 1. jeopardize, 2. commercialize, 3. clarion, 4. disrupt, 5. capita, 6. exacerbated, 7. bioscience

8. The military _____ troops to the border.
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13. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
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14. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
15. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 8. mobilized, 9. superbug, 10. trajectory, 11. brew, 12. inefficiency, 13. mimic, 14. environmentalist, 15. industrious

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