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Session 1: Word List

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

mooch

v. to beg or obtain something without permission or payment; to move or walk in a lazy, aimless manner
synonym: beg, sponge, scrounge

(1) **mooch** money, (2) **mooch** a ride

He always **mooches** off of his friends and never contributes to anything.

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.

observable

adj. that can be noticed or seen

synonym: visible, perceptible, detectable

(1) **observable** change, (2) experimentally **observable**

Any theorem relies on both **observable** fact and assumption.

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.

delinquent

n. a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, criminal

(1) a juvenile **delinquent**, (2) **delinquent** payments

The high rate of **delinquents** in the community has led to increased crime.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

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.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym: sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach

The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the

sharp end of fluctuations in price.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet
Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

escalator

n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

synonym : moving stairway, elevator, lift

(1) **escalator** ride, (2) **escalator** malfunction

Please be careful getting on and off the **escalator**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. automated ho_____e | <i>n.</i> a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance |
| 2. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 3. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 4. means to co_____ve energy | <i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction |
| 5. ho_____e number | <i>n.</i> a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance |
| 6. become na_____us | <i>adj.</i> causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort |
| 7. from so_____ce deep inside | <i>adv.</i> somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location |
| 8. so_____ce quiet | <i>adv.</i> somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location |
| 9. re_____e problem | <i>v.</i> to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way |
| 10. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |

ANSWERS: 1. hotline, 2. creditor, 3. recycle, 4. conserve, 5. hotline, 6. nauseous, 7. someplace, 8. someplace, 9. reframe, 10. creditor

11. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
12. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
13. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
15. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
16. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
17. experimentally obs_____le *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
18. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
19. mo__h a ride *v.* to beg or obtain something without permission or payment; to move or walk in a lazy, aimless manner
20. memory bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

ANSWERS: 11. sub-Saharan, 12. conserve, 13. opportune, 14. inefficient, 15. sub-Saharan, 16. waltz, 17. observable, 18. reframe, 19. mooch, 20. blackout

21. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
22. es_____or malfunction *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
23. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
24. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
25. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
26. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
27. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
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30. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

ANSWERS: 21. electrify, 22. escalator, 23. mundane, 24. dizzy, 25. electrify, 26. mundane, 27. stigma, 28. inefficient, 29. blackout, 30. waltz

31. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
32. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. obs_____le change *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
34. mo__h money *v.* to beg or obtain something without permission or payment; to move or walk in a lazy, aimless manner
35. es_____or ride *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
36. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
37. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
38. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
39. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
40. a juvenile del_____nt *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty
41. del_____nt payments *n.* a person who regularly engages in minor criminal or antisocial activities, especially a young person; a person who has failed to neglect one's duty

ANSWERS: 31. dizzy, 32. opportune, 33. observable, 34. mooch, 35. escalator, 36. recycle, 37. infect, 38. stigma, 39. infect, 40. delinquent, 41. delinquent

42. na____us stomach

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

ANSWERS: 42. nauseous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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6. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.
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ANSWERS: 16. observable, 17. conserve, 18. electrify, 19. waltz, 20. nauseous, 21. infect