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Session 1: Word List

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our

employees.

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.

caveat

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

synonym: warning, caution, admonition

(1) a **caveat** against unfair practices, (2) general **caveat**

We often ignore important **caveats** from nature.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

thereabout

adv. approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount

synonym: roundabout, approximately, roughly

(1) **thereabout** estimate, (2) 10 AM to 7 PM, or **thereabout**

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I live in a small town **thereabout 50** miles from the city.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym : tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

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.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

unwieldy

adj. challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity

synonym: bulky, cumbersome, ungainly

(1) **unwieldy** amount of information, (2) **unwieldy** rules and regulations

A piano is an **unwieldy** thing to get down a flight of stairs.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. career tra_____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 2. ga_____ze the country | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust |
| 3. a matter for con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another |
| 4. un_____dy rules and regulations | <i>adj.</i> challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity |
| 5. ga_____ze steel | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust |
| 6. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 7. mathematically so_____le equation | <i>adj.</i> capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge |
| 8. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 9. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |

ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. galvanize, 3. congratulation, 4. unwieldy, 5. galvanize, 6. opportune, 7. solvable, 8. well-being, 9. well-being

10. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
11. un_____dy amount of information *adj.* challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity
12. ta_____ze taste buds *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
13. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
14. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
15. general ca____t *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
16. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
17. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
18. 10 AM to 7 PM, or the_____ut. *adv.* approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount

ANSWERS: 10. improvisation, 11. unwieldy, 12. tantalize, 13. congratulation, 14. mobilize, 15. caveat, 16. sham, 17. memorize, 18. thereabout

19. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
20. ta_____ze with promises *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
21. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
24. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
25. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
26. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
27. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
28. a ca___t against unfair practices *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

ANSWERS: 19. quitter, 20. tantalize, 21. quitter, 22. opportune, 23. unpack, 24. trajectory, 25. sham, 26. memorize, 27. solvable, 28. caveat

29. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
30. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
31. the_____ut estimate *adv.* approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount
32. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 29. unpack, 30. mobilize, 31. thereabout, 32. improvisation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
2. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
3. I live in a small town _____ miles from the city.
adv. approximately; around a particular time, place, or amount
4. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
5. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
6. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
7. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 1. memorize, 2. mobilized, 3. thereabout 50, 4. galvanized, 5. well-being, 6. improvisation, 7. solvable

8. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
- v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
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14. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
15. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. tantalized, 9. unpack, 10. congratulations, 11. caveats, 12. unwieldy, 13. sham, 14. trajectory, 15. opportune

16. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 16. quitter