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Session 1: Word List

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.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym : finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

evict

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

synonym: oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter

The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym : misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

homebound

adj. confined to one's home or place of residence due to illness, disability, or age; referring to someone who is returning or traveling towards their home

synonym : confined, restricted

(1) **homebound** patient, (2) **homebound** care

The **homebound** student received extra tutoring to ensure they didn't fall behind in their studies.

meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

synonym : carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym : clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

influx

n. the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system

synonym: inflow, arrival, impression

(1) **influx** of capital, (2) **influx** of tourists

The **influx** of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.

caseload

n. the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field

synonym: workload, throughput, casework

(1) heavy **caseload**, (2) **caseload** capacity

The lawyer was overwhelmed with her **caseload** of difficult cases.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

roadmap

n. a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective

synonym: plan, strategy, guide

(1) **roadmap** to success, (2) technology **roadmap**

We must create a **roadmap** for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. heavy ca_____ad *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field
2. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
3. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
4. ho_____nd care *adj.* confined to one's home or place of residence due to illness, disability, or age; referring to someone who is returning or traveling towards their home
5. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
6. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
7. ca_____ad capacity *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field

ANSWERS: 1. caseload, 2. slum, 3. relocate, 4. homebound, 5. subsidize, 6. enact, 7. caseload

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| 8. en__t new legislation | v. | to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 9. religious soc_____st | n. | a person who studies the institutions and development of human society |
| 10. met_____sly executed | adv. | with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully |
| 11. co_____e in midair | v. | to hit something violently when moving |
| 12. met_____sly crafted product | adv. | with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully |
| 13. di_____le a system | v. | to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment |
| 14. dis_____ely affected | adv. | in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else |
| 15. sc__b dirt from potatoes | v. | to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent |
| 16. dis_____ely high | adv. | in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else |
| 17. sc_____le for support | v. | to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you |
| 18. technology ro_____p | n. | a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective |

ANSWERS: 8. enact, 9. sociologist, 10. meticulously, 11. collide, 12. meticulously, 13. dismantle, 14. disproportionately, 15. scrub, 16. disproportionately, 17. scramble, 18. roadmap

19. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
20. ho_____nd patient *adj.* confined to one's home or place of residence due to illness, disability, or age; referring to someone who is returning or traveling towards their home
21. ev__t a person from his home *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
22. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
23. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
24. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
25. a mi_____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
26. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
27. technical mi_____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
28. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 19. scrub, 20. homebound, 21. evict, 22. sociologist, 23. binge, 24. alarming, 25. misnomer, 26. collide, 27. misnomer, 28. opportune

29. ro____p to success *n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
30. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
31. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
32. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
33. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
34. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
35. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
36. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
37. in___x of tourists *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
38. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

ANSWERS: 29. roadmap, 30. dismantle, 31. slum, 32. insecure, 33. reshape, 34. insecure, 35. relocate, 36. scramble, 37. influx, 38. alarming

39. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
41. in___x of capital *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
42. ev__t squatter *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
43. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
44. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 39. subsidize, 40. opportune, 41. influx, 42. evict, 43. binge, 44. reshape

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lawyer was overwhelmed with her _____ of difficult cases.
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ANSWERS: 16. scrambled, 17. roadmap, 18. binge-watching, 19. opportune, 20. reshaped, 21. meticulously, 22. misnomer