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Session 1: Word List

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.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

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**.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym : punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

evidential

adj. providing or related to facts

synonym : indicative, evidentiary

(1) **evidential** hearing, (2) **evidential** fact

All juries should have a copy of the **evidential** data.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

contemporaneous

adj. occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period

synonym: coeval, concurrent, simultaneous

(1) **contemporaneous** negotiations, (2) **contemporaneous** sources

The **contemporaneous** events of the time were chronicled in the history books.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

handwritten

adj. written with a pen or pencil rather than typed

(1) **handwritten** character, (2) **handwritten** signature

The letter was written in **handwritten** script and had a personal touch.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

timestamp

n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to

investigate the system's bug.

unstructured

adj. not having a clear organization or arrangement

synonym: unorganized, unarranged, formless

(1) **unstructured** text, (2) **unstructured** information

The **unstructured** data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

Session 2: Spelling

1. han_____en signature *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
2. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
3. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
4. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
5. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
6. uns_____red information *adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement
7. di_____t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
8. the ti_____mp on a file *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day
9. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
10. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
11. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 1. handwritten, 2. humming, 3. pervasive, 4. diminish, 5. dizzy, 6. unstructured, 7. dissect, 8. timestamp, 9. skeptic, 10. distort, 11. discredit

12. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
13. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
14. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
15. uns_____red text *adj.* not having a clear organization or arrangement
16. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
17. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
18. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
19. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
21. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
22. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
23. seek ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
24. con_____ous sources *adj.* occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period
25. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 12. courtroom, 13. diminish, 14. contaminate, 15. unstructured, 16. furious, 17. contaminate, 18. smartphone, 19. industrious, 20. furious, 21. dizzy, 22. humming, 23. retribution, 24. contemporaneous, 25. discredit

26. em____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
27. climate sk____c
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
28. ha____s with constant criticism
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
29. di____t the economy
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
30. con_____ous negotiations
adj. occurring at the same time; existing, or happening during the same period
31. ove_____ate the value
v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
32. evi____al fact
adj. providing or related to facts
33. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. marked with a ha____g
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
35. di____t the data
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
36. ha____s the enemy
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 26. empower, 27. skeptic, 28. harass, 29. distort, 30. contemporaneous, 31. overestimate, 32. evidential, 33. industrious, 34. hashtag, 35. dissect, 36. harass

37. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
38. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
39. han_____en character *adj.* written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
40. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
41. ove_____ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
42. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
43. evi_____al hearing *adj.* providing or related to facts
44. divine ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
45. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
46. a UNIX ti_____mp *n.* a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

ANSWERS: 37. courtroom, 38. hashtag, 39. handwritten, 40. empower, 41. overestimate, 42. smartphone, 43. evidential, 44. retribution, 45. pervasive, 46. timestamp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
3. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
4. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
5. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.
n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
6. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
7. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
8. The _____ events of the time were chronicled in the history books.
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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. discredited, 3. furious, 4. humming, 5. retribution, 6. skeptic, 7. pervasive, 8. contemporaneous

9. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
10. The scientist _____ the frog to study its internal organs.
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
11. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
12. The _____ data took a lot of work to analyze and interpret.
adj. not having a clear organization or arrangement
13. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
14. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
15. All juries should have a copy of the _____ data.
adj. providing or related to facts
16. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.
adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

ANSWERS: 9. hashtag, 10. dissected, 11. harassed, 12. unstructured, 13. diminish, 14. contaminate, 15. evidential, 16. dizzy

17. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
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20. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
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21. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
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22. The letter was written in _____ script and had a personal touch.
adj. written with a pen or pencil rather than typed
23. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 17. courtroom, 18. overestimate, 19. timestamps, 20. distort, 21. smartphones, 22. handwritten, 23. empowered