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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

stew

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

synonym: casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

yucca

n. a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping

(1) desert **yucca**, (2) ornamental **yucca**

The desert landscape was dotted with **yucca** plants, adding a touch of green to the arid scenery.

paella

n. a traditional Spanish dish originating from Valencia, typically made with rice, meat (such as chicken or rabbit), seafood, and various seasonings, often cooked in a special shallow pan called a "paellera"

(1) **paella** pan, (2) seafood **paella**

The traditional Spanish **paella** was a delightful combination of flavors and textures.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym: distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

disrepair

n. a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

synonym : dilapidation, decay, deterioration

(1) building in **disrepair**, (2) equipment in **disrepair**

The abandoned building fell into **disrepair** after years of neglect.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

normalcy

n. the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations

synonym : normality, regularity, routine

(1) move closer to **normalcy**, (2) maintain **normalcy**

After a long period of chaos, they longed to return to **normalcy**.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym : open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

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.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

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.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

Session 2: Spelling

1. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. move closer to no____cy *n.* the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations
3. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
4. st____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
5. seafood pa____a *n.* a traditional Spanish dish originating from Valencia, typically made with rice, meat (such as chicken or rabbit), seafood, and various seasonings, often cooked in a special shallow pan called a "paellera"
6. conduct fi____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. equipment in di____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
8. st____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
9. vegetable s__w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. normalcy, 3. creditor, 4. stabilize, 5. paella, 6. firsthand, 7. disrepair, 8. stabilize, 9. stew

10. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
11. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
12. maintain no_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being normal, typical, or expected; the condition of being in accordance with social norms or expectations
13. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
14. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
16. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
17. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
19. s__w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
20. building in di_____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

ANSWERS: 10. confer, 11. empower, 12. normalcy, 13. applause, 14. industrious, 15. confer, 16. receptive, 17. industrious, 18. applause, 19. stew, 20. disrepair

21. fa____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
22. 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
23. re_____ve to change *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
24. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
25. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
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28. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 21. faraway, 22. electrify, 23. receptive, 24. firsthand, 25. colosseum, 26. colosseum, 27. paella, 28. clap

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30. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
31. ornamental yu__a *n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping
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33. 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
34. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 29. faraway, 30. creditor, 31. yucca, 32. yucca, 33. electrify, 34. clap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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5. The _____ burst from the audience.
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ANSWERS: 1. yucca, 2. empowered, 3. electrify, 4. paella, 5. applause, 6. faraway

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ANSWERS: 7. stabilizes, 8. receptive, 9. Colosseum, 10. industrious, 11. clapped, 12. normalcy, 13. creditor, 14. stew

15. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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16. The abandoned building fell into _____ after years of neglect.

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ANSWERS: 15. confer, 16. disrepair, 17. firsthand