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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.

getup

n. a person's clothing, appearance, or style

synonym: attire, costume, outfit

(1) a clownish **getup**, (2) a sharp **getup**

The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding **getup**.

matriculate

v. to enroll or register as a student at a college or university; to admit or be admitted into a formal organization or group

synonym: enroll, register, enter

(1) **matriculate** in the fall, (2) **matriculate** into a university

I am excited to **matriculate** at the prestigious university next fall.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop

yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

understaffed

adj. insufficiently staffed with workers or employees; having fewer workers than are needed to perform tasks or duties adequately

synonym : short-handed, insufficient, lacking

(1) **understaffed** school, (2) **understaffed** office

The **understaffed** hospital was overwhelmed with patients.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

extracurricular

adj. outside the regular curriculum or program of courses

synonym : non-academic, non-curricular, outside

(1) **extracurricular** study, (2) **extracurricular** club

He was heavily involved in **extracurricular** activities and was president of the debate club.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pi____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
2. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
4. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
5. ext_____lar study *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
6. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
8. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
9. a clownish ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style

ANSWERS: 1. pivotal, 2. empower, 3. empower, 4. determinant, 5. extracurricular, 6. opportune, 7. sneak, 8. tease, 9. getup

10. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
11. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
12. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
13. a sharp ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
14. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
15. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
16. critical ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
17. und_____fed office *adj.* insufficiently staffed with workers or employees; having fewer workers than are needed to perform tasks or duties adequately
18. ext_____lar club *adj.* outside the regular curriculum or program of courses
19. und_____fed school *adj.* insufficiently staffed with workers or employees; having fewer workers than are needed to perform tasks or duties adequately

ANSWERS: 10. tease, 11. determinant, 12. enlist, 13. getup, 14. enlist, 15. pivotal, 16. acumen, 17. understaffed, 18. extracurricular, 19. understaffed

20. financial ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
21. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
23. mat_____te into a university *v.* to enroll or register as a student at a college or university; to admit or be admitted into a formal organization or group
24. mat_____te in the fall *v.* to enroll or register as a student at a college or university; to admit or be admitted into a formal organization or group

ANSWERS: 20. acumen, 21. opportune, 22. sneak, 23. matriculate, 24. matriculate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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 - n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

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4. I am excited to _____ at the prestigious university next fall.
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5. 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

6. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
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7. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
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ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. sneak, 3. extracurricular, 4. matriculate, 5. empowered, 6. acumen, 7. tease

8. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.

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adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

10. The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding _____.

n. a person's clothing, appearance, or style

11. The _____ hospital was overwhelmed with patients.

adj. insufficiently staffed with workers or employees; having fewer workers than are needed to perform tasks or duties adequately

12. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 8. pivotal, 9. opportune, 10. getup, 11. understaffed, 12. enlist