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Session 1: Word List

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.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

Ebola

n. a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that causes severe fever and internal bleeding, primarily occurring in remote areas of Central and West Africa

synonym: viral hemorrhagic fever, EVD

(1) **Ebola** epidemic, (2) **Ebola** virus

The **Ebola** outbreak in West Africa caused widespread panic and fear.

hotspot

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

synonym : epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

acetaminophen

n. (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature

(1) **acetaminophen-containing** tablet, (2) high-dose **acetaminophen**

Such patients are better off using **acetaminophen** wisely.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

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.

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**.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life
They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision
The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

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.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 2. mo_____to repellent | <i>n.</i> a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 3. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 4. ho_____ss situation | <i>adj.</i> having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success |
| 5. dr__n in a bath | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |
| 6. covid-19 ho_____t | <i>n.</i> a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity |
| 7. high-dose ace_____hen | <i>n.</i> (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature |
| 8. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 9. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 10. geographic ho_____t | <i>n.</i> a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity |

ANSWERS: 1. narrator, 2. mosquito, 3. medicinal, 4. hopeless, 5. drown, 6. hotspot, 7. acetaminophen, 8. empower, 9. opportune, 10. hotspot

11. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
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14. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
15. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
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22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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ANSWERS: 22. opportune, 23. philanthropy, 24. philanthropy, 25. drown, 26. improvisation, 27. Ebola, 28. Ebola, 29. visionary, 30. hopeless, 31. mosquito

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ANSWERS: 32. empower

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. Ebola, 9. smartphones, 10. opportune, 11. narrator, 12. audacious, 13. drown, 14. reinvent, 15. hopeless

16. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

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ANSWERS: 16. philanthropy