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Session 1: Word List

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

carefree

adj. without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

synonym : light-hearted, careloose, easygoing

(1) **carefree** attitude, (2) **carefree** vacation

I miss the **carefree** days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym: paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

leaflet

n. a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

synonym: pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

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.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

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**.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. household ch__es | <i>n.</i> a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor |
| 2. political le____t | <i>n.</i> a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf |
| 3. un____d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |
| 4. di____ce workers | <i>v.</i> to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation |
| 5. in____te lacework | <i>adj.</i> having many different parts and small details that all work together |
| 6. pri____ze tasks | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 7. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 8. ch__e list | <i>n.</i> a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor |
| 9. in__x of tourists | <i>n.</i> the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system |
| 10. ca____ee attitude | <i>adj.</i> without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints |

ANSWERS: 1. chore, 2. leaflet, 3. unfold, 4. displace, 5. intricate, 6. prioritize, 7. motto, 8. chore, 9. influx, 10. carefree

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| 11. with fr____c haste | <i>adj.</i> marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied |
| 12. company mo__o | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 13. car_____ng responsibilities | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 14. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 15. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 16. te_____y people | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much |
| 17. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 18. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 19. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 20. in_____te details | <i>adj.</i> having many different parts and small details that all work together |
| 21. ter_____ng events | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating |
| 22. inq_____ve mind | <i>adj.</i> curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy |
| 23. bo_____d him with questions | <i>v.</i> to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage |

ANSWERS: 11. frantic, 12. motto, 13. caregiving, 14. improvisation, 15. confuse, 16. terrify, 17. confuse, 18. excite, 19. well-being, 20. intricate, 21. terrifying, 22. inquisitive, 23. bombard

24. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
25. inq_____ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
26. military me__c *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
27. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
28. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
29. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
30. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
31. ca_____ee vacation *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
32. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
33. Ar__c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
34. in__x of capital *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system

ANSWERS: 24. terrify, 25. inquisitive, 26. medic, 27. terrifying, 28. displace, 29. astonishing, 30. caregiving, 31. carefree, 32. improvisation, 33. Arabic, 34. influx

35. me__c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
36. bo____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
37. information le____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
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42. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
43. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
44. ho____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
45. fr____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

ANSWERS: 35. medic, 36. bombard, 37. leaflet, 38. well-being, 39. unfold, 40. Arabic, 41. excite, 42. horrify, 43. astonishing, 44. horrify, 45. frantic

46. pri_____ze people over cars

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 46. prioritize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust greatly
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adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
5. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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7. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
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17. The _____ of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.
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ANSWERS: 9. unfolded, 10. terrify, 11. well-being, 12. inquisitive, 13. Arabic, 14. intricate, 15. caregiving, 16. chore, 17. influx

18. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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ANSWERS: 18. motto, 19. terrifying, 20. leaflets, 21. displace, 22. carefree, 23. astonishing