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Session 1: Word List

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

undetermined

n. not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors

synonym: uncertain, undecided, unresolved

(1) fever of **undetermined** origin, (2) **undetermined** coefficient

The cause of the accident is **undetermined** at this time.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym: boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

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.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

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.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather

ideas for its next product.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops;
intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. to es_____te | v. | to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 2. con_____te his ego | v. | to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture |
| 3. sc_____r seeds | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 4. fever of und_____ned origin | n. | not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors |
| 5. cro_____ing apps | n. | the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet |
| 6. m__m his hand | v. | to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part |
| 7. sc_____r around the internet | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 8. ex_____e in popularity | v. | to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 9. ex_____e in anger | v. | to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |

ANSWERS: 1. escalate, 2. contaminate, 3. scatter, 4. undetermined, 5. crowdsourcing, 6. maim, 7. scatter, 8. explode, 9. explode

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| 10. non-fiction fi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who makes films, typically as a profession |
| 11. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 12. cro_____ing in climate policy | <i>n.</i> the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet |
| 13. fe_____e market | <i>adj.</i> capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive |
| 14. con_____te with a disease | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture |
| 15. und_____ned coefficient | <i>n.</i> not yet resolved or concluded; not decided; indefinite; lacking clear limits or boundaries; (of mathematics) cannot be calculated because it is dependent on unknown factors |
| 16. es_____te into a major international incident | <i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 17. au_____t immunity | <i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it |
| 18. civilian ca_____ty | <i>n.</i> a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim |
| 19. a successful fi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who makes films, typically as a profession |

ANSWERS: 10. filmmaker, 11. bury, 12. crowdsourcing, 13. fertile, 14. contaminate, 15. undetermined, 16. escalate, 17. augment, 18. casualty, 19. filmmaker

20. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
21. 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
22. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
23. 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
24. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
25. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
26. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
27. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
28. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 20. bury, 21. determinant, 22. fertile, 23. displace, 24. determinant, 25. displace, 26. augment, 27. app, 28. casualty

29. killer a_p

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

30. m__m a victim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

ANSWERS: 29. app, 30. maim

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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3. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
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4. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
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5. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
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6. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
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7. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
 - n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. contaminate, 3. displace, 4. app's, 5. escalated, 6. maimed, 7. filmmaker

8. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
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10. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
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ANSWERS: 8. augmented, 9. exploded, 10. crowdsourcing, 11. casualty, 12. scattered, 13. bury, 14. fertile, 15. undetermined

ANSWERS: