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Session 1: Word List

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

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.

beep

v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym : bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

infuriate

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

synonym : enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

googly

adj. (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects

synonym : unfocused, rolling, puzzling

(1) **googly** shape, (2) deliver a **googly**

The children had a great time sticking **googly** eyes onto their handcrafted puppets.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym : belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

unwelcome

adj. not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

synonym : uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
2. deliver a go___y *adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects
3. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
4. b__p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
5. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
6. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
7. in_____te employees *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
8. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
9. un_____me interruption *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

ANSWERS: 1. addict, 2. googly, 3. underrepresented, 4. beep, 5. devastate, 6. portray, 7. infuriate, 8. addict, 9. unwelcome

10. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
11. b__p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
12. go___y shape *adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects
13. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
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17. 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

ANSWERS: 10. posse, 11. beep, 12. googly, 13. intimidate, 14. intimidate, 15. infuriate, 16. underrepresented, 17. app

18. 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
19. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
20. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
21. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
22. un_____me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
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7. His rude behavior _____ many people at the party.
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ANSWERS: 1. addicts, 2. Underrepresented, 3. beeped, 4. devastate, 5. intimidate, 6. googly, 7. infuriated

8. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

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10. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

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11. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

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

ANSWERS: 8. portray, 9. unwelcome, 10. posse, 11. app's