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Session 1: Word List

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition

of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

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.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym : increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

predicament

n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

synonym: situation, quandary, plight

(1) tragic **predicament**, (2) **predicament** decision

He was in a **predicament** and didn't know how to escape it.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym: disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

Session 2: Spelling

1. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
2. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
3. cou_____ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
4. 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
5. tragic pre_____nt *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
6. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
7. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
8. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

ANSWERS: 1. domino, 2. republican, 3. counteract, 4. app, 5. predicament, 6. trump, 7. contradict, 8. discourage

9. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
10. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
11. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
12. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. un_____ar decision *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
14. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
15. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
16. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
17. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 9. geopolitical, 10. compel, 11. doe, 12. confer, 13. unpopular, 14. trump, 15. unpopular, 16. pessimistic, 17. treasury

18. pre_____nt decision *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
19. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
20. cou_____ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
21. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
22. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
23. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
25. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
26. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
27. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

ANSWERS: 18. predicament, 19. polarization, 20. counteract, 21. insurmountable, 22. domino, 23. industrious, 24. polarization, 25. discourage, 26. statesman, 27. accrue

28. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
29. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
30. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
31. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
32. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
33. 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
34. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
35. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
36. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 28. pessimistic, 29. compel, 30. enact, 31. republican, 32. geopolitical, 33. app, 34. enact, 35. accrue, 36. treasury

37. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
38. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
39. international st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
40. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
41. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
42. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 37. doe, 38. insurmountable, 39. statesman, 40. confer, 41. industrious, 42. contradict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

2. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

3. He was in a _____ and didn't know how to escape it.
n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

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5. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
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6. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
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ANSWERS: 1. treasury, 2. confer, 3. predicament, 4. compel, 5. discourage, 6. app's, 7. statesman, 8. insurmountable,

9. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
10. She was unduly _____ about her future.
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
11. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
12. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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16. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
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ANSWERS: 9. counteract, 10. pessimistic, 11. enacted, 12. doe, 13. geopolitical, 14. trump, 15. dominoes, 16. accrue

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adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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21. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
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ANSWERS: 17. polarization, 18. contradict, 19. industrious, 20. unpopular, 21. republican