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Session 1: Word List

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.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point

of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

inertia

n. the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

synonym: sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym : zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

upscale

adj. denoting products, services, or properties that are considered high-end, luxurious, or exclusive; (adverb) in a way that is high-class, luxurious, or intended to appeal to affluent consumers

synonym : luxurious, high-end, elite

(1) **upscale** neighborhood, (2) **upscale** brand

The restaurant was decorated in an **upscale** style, making it

feel luxurious.

biofuel

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym: renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

rollout

n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time

synonym: launch, release, deployment

(1) **rollout** strategy, (2) software **rollout**

The company announced the **rollout** of its new product line next month.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

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.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym : disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 2. st__n warning | <i>adj.</i> serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude |
| 3. career tra_____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 4. su___e muscles | <i>adj.</i> flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas |
| 5. co_____in information flow | <i>v.</i> to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something |
| 6. w__z through the book | <i>v.</i> to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something |
| 7. dec_____ze their manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy |
| 8. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 9. impose au_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt |

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. stern, 3. trajectory, 4. supple, 5. constrain, 6. whiz, 7. decarbonize, 8. disrupt, 9. austerity

10. cen_____de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
11. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
12. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
13. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
14. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
15. cen_____de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
16. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
17. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 10. centigrade, 11. recession, 12. sham, 13. recession, 14. reliant, 15. centigrade, 16. well-being, 17. heroic

18. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
19. Newton's law of in_____a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
20. up_____e brand *adj.* denoting products, services, or properties that are considered high-end, luxurious, or exclusive; (adverb) in a way that is high-class, luxurious, or intended to appeal to affluent consumers
21. bi_____l technology *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
22. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
23. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
24. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
25. the big up_____al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
26. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 18. supple, 19. inertia, 20. upscale, 21. biofuel, 22. heroic, 23. policymaker, 24. stern, 25. upheaval, 26. capita

27. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
28. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. software ro_____t *n.* the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
30. up_____al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
31. up_____e neighborhood *adj.* denoting products, services, or properties that are considered high-end, luxurious, or exclusive; (adverb) in a way that is high-class, luxurious, or intended to appeal to affluent consumers
32. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
33. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
34. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
35. bi_____l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

ANSWERS: 27. electrify, 28. industrious, 29. rollout, 30. upheaval, 31. upscale, 32. resilient, 33. grapple, 34. decarbonize, 35. biofuel

36. ove_____ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
37. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
38. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
39. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
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43. w__z kid *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
44. in_____a resistance *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
45. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

ANSWERS: 36. overestimate, 37. trajectory, 38. well-being, 39. grapple, 40. opportune, 41. electrify, 42. overestimate, 43. whiz, 44. inertia, 45. austerity

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ANSWERS: 46. rollout, 47. constrain, 48. disrupt, 49. policymaker, 50. reliant, 51. opportune, 52. sham, 53. industrious, 54. capita

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
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2. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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