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Session 1: Word List

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym: oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

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.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

inflection

n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym : accent, intonation, modulation

(1) **inflection** in voice, (2) **inflection** pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

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.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gro_____ing settlement | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 2. co___l a person to submission | <i>v.</i> to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way |
| 3. mo_____ze a stiff joint | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 4. inf_____on pattern | <i>n.</i> a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories |
| 5. fa___e relief | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 6. vi_____ry business | <i>adj.</i> having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative |
| 7. con_____ly aware of a problem | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 8. up___t my spirit | <i>n.</i> the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits |
| 9. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 10. labor under a de_____on | <i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary |

ANSWERS: 1. groundbreaking, 2. compel, 3. mobilize, 4. inflection, 5. famine, 6. visionary, 7. consciously, 8. uplift, 9. institutionalize, 10. delusion

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| 11. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 12. un_____l distribution | <i>adj.</i> different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair |
| 13. ma__m speaker | <i>n.</i> a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect |
| 14. gro_____ing concept | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 15. sweet po_____ge | <i>n.</i> a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners |
| 16. coal fa___e | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 17. qualified for an el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 18. vi_____ry ideas | <i>adj.</i> having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative |
| 19. grand de_____on | <i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary |
| 20. act con_____ly | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 21. perform without hes_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous |
| 22. up___t mountains | <i>n.</i> the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits |

ANSWERS: 11. elector, 12. unequal, 13. madam, 14. groundbreaking, 15. porridge, 16. famine, 17. elector, 18. visionary, 19. delusion, 20. consciously, 21. hesitation, 22. uplift

23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
25. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
26. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
27. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
29. wi___n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
30. wi___n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
31. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
32. 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
33. oat po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

ANSWERS: 23. opportune, 24. garner, 25. unequal, 26. garner, 27. opportune, 28. hesitation, 29. widen, 30. widen, 31. institutionalize, 32. compel, 33. porridge

34. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
35. inf_____on in voice *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
36. dear ma__m *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

ANSWERS: 34. mobilize, 35. inflection, 36. madam

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
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8. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
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16. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

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ANSWERS: 9. groundbreaking, 10. porridge, 11. uplift, 12. opportune, 13. hesitation, 14. consciously, 15. institutionalize, 16. visionary

17. The military _____ troops to the border.

- v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

18. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.

- v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 17. mobilized, 18. garner