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Session 1: Word List

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.

whisper

- v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

- (1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

sibling

- n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

- (1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym: rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

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.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

drumbeat

n. a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time

synonym: rhythm, cadence, pulse

(1) steady **drumbeat**, (2) thundering **drumbeat**

The ceremonial **drumbeat** echoed through the temple during the ritual.

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.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

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.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. v__l of mystery | <i>n.</i> a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure |
| 2. the infinite in_____ty of man | <i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways |
| 3. v__l her face | <i>n.</i> a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure |
| 4. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 5. 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 |
| 6. mo_____ze cooperation | <i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose |
| 7. a fine wr_____e on a fabric | <i>n.</i> a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty |
| 8. classic fa__e | <i>n.</i> a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson |
| 9. ra_____er acidity | <i>n.</i> water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected |
| 10. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |

ANSWERS: 1. veil, 2. ingenuity, 3. veil, 4. sibling, 5. mobilize, 6. mobilize, 7. wrinkle, 8. fable, 9. rainwater, 10. industrious

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| 11. abound in in_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways |
| 12. mo_____n current | <i>n.</i> a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas |
| 13. make a cou_____us decision | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |
| 14. s_w with thread | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 15. steady dr_____at | <i>n.</i> a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time |
| 16. de_____te an area | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 17. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 18. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 19. s_b out a story | <i>v.</i> to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds |
| 20. moralize a fa___e | <i>n.</i> a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson |
| 21. thundering dr_____at | <i>n.</i> a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time |
| 22. cou_____us rescue attempt | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching |

ANSWERS: 11. ingenuity, 12. monsoon, 13. courageous, 14. sew, 15. drumbeat, 16. devastate, 17. industrious, 18. sibling, 19. sob, 20. fable, 21. drumbeat, 22. courageous

23. a facial wr_____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
24. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
25. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
26. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
27. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
28. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
29. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
31. city dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
32. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
33. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 23. wrinkle, 24. monsoon, 25. empower, 26. whisper, 27. frantic, 28. unleash, 29. electrify, 30. devastate, 31. dweller, 32. unleash, 33. whisper

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
3. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
4. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
5. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
6. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.
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7. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
8. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. devastate, 3. frantic, 4. veil, 5. courageous, 6. fable, 7. siblings, 8. dweller

9. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
11. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
12. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
13. The ceremonial _____ echoed through the temple during the ritual.
n. a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time
14. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
15. This suit is made of _____ material.
n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
16. The _____ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.
n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

ANSWERS: 9. industrious, 10. electrify, 11. rainwater, 12. mobilized, 13. drumbeat, 14. ingenuity, 15. wrinkle-proof, 16. monsoon

17. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

- v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

18. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.

- n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

19. My mother taught me how to _____.

- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

20. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.

- v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

21. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

- v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 17. whispered, 18. setback, 19. sew, 20. sobbed, 21. unleash