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Session 1: Word List

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym : endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym : refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit
Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

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.

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.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization
We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

conglomerate

n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
synonym: aggregate, mixture, combination

(1) multinational **conglomerate**, (2) media **conglomerate**
The **conglomerate** of companies managed to dominate the market.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym : beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

causation

n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

synonym : cause, reason, origin

(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**

The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

vanguard

n. the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

synonym : forefront, avant-garde, cutting edge

(1) intellectual **vanguard**, (2) artistic **vanguard**

The company is at the **vanguard** of technological innovation in its industry.

indefinite

adj. without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym : unclear, uncertain, ambiguous

(1) **indefinite** period, (2) **indefinite** number

The company's financial troubles have resulted in an **indefinite** hiring freeze.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym : inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

firepower

n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

synonym : firearm, munitions, artillery

(1) the **firepower** of the military, (2) lethal **firepower**

The army relied on its superior **firepower** to win the battle.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

overstate

v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

synonym : exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance
He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

long-range

adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

synonym: far-reaching, extended, distant

(1) **long-range** radar, (2) **long-range** weather forecast
The military uses **long-range** missiles to hit targets from far away.

inaction

n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

synonym: idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**
Inaction in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

hoax

n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

synonym: deception, fraud, trick

(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email
The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire
They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. multinational con_____ate | <i>n.</i> a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole |
| 2. p__e a fire | <i>v.</i> to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger |
| 3. exa_____te story | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 4. environmental tr_____ff | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |
| 5. rec_____er my transfer | <i>v.</i> to think about a decision or opinion again to |
| 6. exa_____te in degree | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 7. lon_____ge radar | <i>adj.</i> relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities |
| 8. direct ca_____on | <i>n.</i> the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens |
| 9. suspect a h__x | <i>n.</i> a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank |

ANSWERS: 1. conglomerate, 2. poke, 3. exaggerate, 4. trade-off, 5. reconsider, 6. exaggerate, 7. long-range, 8. causation, 9. hoax

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| 10. intellectual va_____rd | <i>n.</i> the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative |
| 11. in a re_____ss manner | <i>adj.</i> marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions |
| 12. exa_____te the situation | <i>v.</i> to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse |
| 13. re_____sh my spirit | <i>v.</i> to fill something that had previously been emptied |
| 14. media con_____ate | <i>n.</i> a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole |
| 15. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 16. ov_____te the importance | <i>v.</i> to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is |
| 17. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 18. re_____sh a reserve fund | <i>v.</i> to fill something that had previously been emptied |
| 19. lon_____ge weather forecast | <i>adj.</i> relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities |
| 20. tr_____ff problem | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |

ANSWERS: 10. vanguard, 11. reckless, 12. exacerbate, 13. replenish, 14. conglomerate, 15. footprint, 16. overstate, 17. bury, 18. replenish, 19. long-range, 20. trade-off

21. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
22. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
23. artistic va_____rd *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
24. jeo_____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
25. ca_____on analysis *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
26. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
27. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
29. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
30. excuse for in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

ANSWERS: 21. outperform, 22. endowment, 23. vanguard, 24. jeopardize, 25. causation, 26. reckless, 27. opportune, 28. footprint, 29. outperform, 30. inaction

41. ind_____te period *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
42. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
43. ov_____te the issue *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
44. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
45. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
46. h__x email *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
47. the fi_____er of the military *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
48. en_____nt gift *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

ANSWERS: 41. indefinite, 42. poke, 43. overstate, 44. exacerbate, 45. subordinate, 46. hoax, 47. firepower, 48. endowment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of companies managed to dominate the market.
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5. The _____ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.
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8. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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10. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
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ANSWERS: 8. industrious, 9. outperformed, 10. exacerbated, 11. firepower, 12. overstate, 13. footprint, 14. opportune, 15. hoax, 16. Reckless

17. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
- v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
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- v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to

ANSWERS: 17. jeopardize, 18. vanguard, 19. replenish, 20. endowment, 21. bury, 22. Inaction, 23. exaggerated, 24. reconsidered

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