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Session 1: Word List

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new

markets.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
synonym: holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

mango

n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle

synonym: fruit, tropical fruit

(1) ripe **mango**, (2) fresh **mango**

She cut the **mango** into small pieces and added them to the

salad.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior
Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

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.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality
These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. inc_____ze carpooling | v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward |
| 2. violate the sa_____ty | n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something |
| 3. co_____de with reality | v. to take place at or near the same time |
| 4. sa_____ty of life | n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something |
| 5. an unt_____le coincidence | adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept |
| 6. asp_____on into the lungs | n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 7. asylum for or____n children | n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 8. in unt_____le trouble | adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept |
| 9. ov_____a shipments | adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries |
| 10. ga____e \$100 on the race | v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes |

ANSWERS: 1. incentivize, 2. sanctity, 3. coincide, 4. sanctity, 5. unthinkable, 6. aspiration, 7. orphan, 8. unthinkable, 9. oversea, 10. gamble

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| 11. overcome hu___es | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome |
| 12. se_____ly connected | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |
| 13. or___n care | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 14. as___e after perfection | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 15. re_____re anxious patients | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 16. sc_____le notes | <i>v.</i> to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry |
| 17. fresh ma__o | <i>n.</i> tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle |
| 18. dis_____nt the audience | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 19. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 20. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 21. re_____re market | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 22. ripe ma__o | <i>n.</i> tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle |

ANSWERS: 11. hurdle, 12. secondly, 13. orphan, 14. aspire, 15. reassure, 16. scribble, 17. mango, 18. disappoint, 19. opportune, 20. disappoint, 21. reassure, 22. mango

23. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
24. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
25. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
27. partly co_____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
28. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
29. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
30. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
31. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
32. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
33. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
34. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

ANSWERS: 23. oversea, 24. aspire, 25. opportune, 26. eradicate, 27. coincide, 28. eradicate, 29. secondly, 30. auditorium, 31. scribble, 32. excite, 33. hurdle, 34. halve

35. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
36. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
37. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
38. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
39. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
40. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

ANSWERS: 35. halve, 36. gamble, 37. auditorium, 38. aspiration, 39. excite, 40. incentivize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
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3. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
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8. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
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ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. auditorium, 3. aspiration, 4. sanctity, 5. opportune, 6. unthinkable, 7. aspired, 8. hurdles

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ANSWERS: 9. coincide, 10. excited, 11. scribbled, 12. halve, 13. mango, 14. incentivize, 15. gamble, 16. oversea, 17. reassure

18. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

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ANSWERS: 18. eradicate, 19. secondly, 20. orphan