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Session 1: Word List

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym: rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

agronomy

n. the science of the management and cultivation of crops and the raising of livestock for food, fuel, and other products

synonym: soil science, farm management

(1) **agronomy** research, (2) **agronomy** practices

The **agronomy** program at the university trains students in the latest farming techniques.

germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
synonym : sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

cob

n. a type of bread made from cornmeal, traditionally associated with Native American cuisine; the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work

synonym : lump, clod, nugget

(1) **cob** construction, (2) **cob** loaf

The chef boiled the corn **cob** in water before roasting it on the grill.

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.

confound

v. to confuse or perplex; to mix up or throw into disorder; to prove to be false or illogical

synonym : confuse, mix up, perplex

(1) **confound** right and wrong, (2) **confound** the problem

The unexpected events **confounded** the scientists, who had to rethink their hypothesis.

microcredit

n. small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities

synonym : microfinance, microloan, small loan

(1) **microcredit** lender, (2) **microcredit** program

The government has established a **microcredit** scheme to stimulate entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

uptick

n. a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
synonym: increase, rise, surge
(1) **uptick** in crime, (2) a dramatic **uptick** in sales
There was a noticeable **uptick** in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

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.

shriveled

v. to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time
synonym: wilt, shrink, dry up
(1) **shriveled** up due to drought, (2) **shriveled** in the sun
The grapes **shriveled** in the heat, making them inedible.

replant

v. to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body
synonym: transplant, relocate
(1) **replant** the patient's severed arm, (2) **replant** crops
After the storm, we had to **replant** all the uprooted trees.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ins _____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
2. c_b loaf *n.* a type of bread made from cornmeal, traditionally associated with Native American cuisine; the central hub or axis of a wheel or turbine; a small, delicately built horse, typically used for riding or light work
3. don't dis _____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
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ANSWERS: 1. institutionalize, 2. cob, 3. disappoint, 4. shrivel, 5. replant, 6. uptick, 7. replant

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11. days to ge_____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
12. mic_____it program *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
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26. dis_____nt the audience

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ANSWERS: 26. disappoint

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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