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Session 1: Word List

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

undersea

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

synonym: underwater, subaquatic, marine

(1) **undersea** earthquake, (2) **undersea** habitat

The **undersea** environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

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**.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

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.

shilling

n. a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

synonym: bob, coin, currency

(1) sixpence and a **shilling**, (2) ten **shillings**

I found an old **shilling** coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously

unreliable.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

mule

n. a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

synonym: donkey, burro, hinny

(1) load the **mule**, (2) **mule** caravans

The stubborn **mule** refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. embody ent_____hip | <i>n.</i> the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one |
| 2. ent_____hip culture | <i>n.</i> the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one |
| 3. the pe_____ve odor of garlic | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |
| 4. nuclear fa_____t | <i>n.</i> the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion |
| 5. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 6. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 7. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 8. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 9. unr_____le source of information | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 10. fo_____e challenges | <i>v.</i> to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future |

ANSWERS: 1. entrepreneurship, 2. entrepreneurship, 3. pervasive, 4. fallout, 5. footprint, 6. resilient, 7. germ, 8. electrify, 9. unreliable, 10. foresee

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| 11. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 12. m__e caravans | <i>n.</i> a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build |
| 13. ubi_____us computing | <i>adj.</i> being or existing everywhere at once |
| 14. pe_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |
| 15. fo_____e the consequences | <i>v.</i> to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future |
| 16. un_____ea habitat | <i>adj.</i> located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea |
| 17. the fa_____t from the incident | <i>n.</i> the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion |
| 18. vi_____ze data | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 19. environmental ad_____ty | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 20. struggling with ad_____ty | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 21. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 22. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |

ANSWERS: 11. resilient, 12. mule, 13. ubiquitous, 14. pervasive, 15. foresee, 16. undersea, 17. fallout, 18. visualize, 19. adversity, 20. adversity, 21. intellect, 22. intellect

23. sixpence and a sh_____ng *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
24. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
25. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
26. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
27. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
28. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
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. ten sh_____ngs *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
31. memory bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

ANSWERS: 23. shilling, 24. germ, 25. improvisation, 26. visualize, 27. footprint, 28. improvisation, 29. electrify, 30. shilling, 31. blackout

32. media bl____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
33. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
34. load the m__e *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
35. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
36. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
37. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
38. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
39. un_____ea earthquake *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
40. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

ANSWERS: 32. blackout, 33. transcend, 34. mule, 35. transcend, 36. Renaissance, 37. Renaissance, 38. unreliable, 39. undersea, 40. ubiquitous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
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4. The stubborn _____ refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.
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ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. intellect, 3. unreliable, 4. mule, 5. foresee, 6. footprint, 7. visualize, 8. germ

9. I found an old _____ coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.
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10. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
11. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
12. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
13. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
14. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
15. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
16. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

ANSWERS: 9. shilling, 10. transcended, 11. resilient, 12. fallout, 13. improvisation, 14. ubiquitous, 15. renaissance, 16. adversity

17. The _____ environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

18. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

19. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

20. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

ANSWERS: 17. undersea, 18. pervasive, 19. entrepreneurship, 20. blackout