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Session 1: Word List

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

morgue

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

synonym: mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**

The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

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.

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.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

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.

evergreen

adj. (of plants) retaining its leaves or foliage throughout the year; (figuratively) enduring, perennial, or constant

synonym : ever-blooming, perennial, unfading

(1) **evergreen** classic, (2) **evergreen** shrub

The **evergreen** trees in the forest stay green all year round.

litigate

v. to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right

synonym : argue, contest, sue

(1) **litigate** a contract dispute, (2) **litigate** a copyright

The two parties will have to **litigate** their disagreements in court.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

wasteful

adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

synonym : uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

counterfeit

adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

synonym : fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea
She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

inert

adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

synonym : motionless, inactive, dormant

(1) **inert** gases, (2) **inert** ingredients

The rock was completely **inert** and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym : three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

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.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym: board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

nibble

v. to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something

synonym: bite, peck, chomp on

(1) **nibble** an ear of corn, (2) **nibble** here and there

I like to **nibble on** fruit in the morning for breakfast.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

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.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ev_____en shrub
adj. (of plants) retaining its leaves or foliage throughout the year; (figuratively) enduring, perennial, or constant
2. inc_____ze carpooling
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
3. in__t gases
adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
4. co_____se with an acquaintance
v. to talk informally
5. li_____te a contract dispute
v. to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
6. qu_____fy the results
v. to express or measure something in numerical terms
7. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
8. tackle the problem ur_____ly
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
9. inc_____ze the right behavior
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
10. pl__k exercise
n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

ANSWERS: 1. evergreen, 2. incentivize, 3. inert, 4. converse, 5. litigate, 6. quantify, 7. medicinal, 8. urgently, 9. incentivize, 10. plank

11. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
12. li_____te a copyright *v.* to initiate or engage in legal proceedings, typically to settle a dispute or enforce a legal right
13. ind_____te number *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
14. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
15. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (*verb*) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
19. wa_____ul habits *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
20. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

ANSWERS: 11. hospitalize, 12. litigate, 13. indefinite, 14. stark, 15. opportune, 16. rev, 17. industrious, 18. urgently, 19. wasteful, 20. dilute

21. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
22. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
23. ind_____te period *adj.* without any fixed or defined limit; vague or unclear; lasting for an unknown or unspecified period of time
24. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
25. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
26. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
27. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
28. ni___e here and there *v.* to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something
29. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
30. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

ANSWERS: 21. stark, 22. endlessly, 23. indefinite, 24. unequal, 25. avert, 26. plank, 27. threefold, 28. nibble, 29. mismatch, 30. mismatch

31. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
32. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
33. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
35. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
36. in__t ingredients *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
37. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
38. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
39. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
40. wa_____ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

ANSWERS: 31. dilute, 32. hurdle, 33. determinant, 34. rev, 35. avert, 36. inert, 37. hospitalize, 38. converse, 39. unequal, 40. wasteful

41. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
42. clinical mo____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
43. overcrowded mo____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
44. overcome hu____es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
45. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. ev_____en classic *adj.* (of plants) retaining its leaves or foliage throughout the year; (figuratively) enduring, perennial, or constant
47. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
48. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
49. cou_____it document *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
50. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

ANSWERS: 41. innovate, 42. morgue, 43. morgue, 44. hurdle, 45. opportune, 46. evergreen, 47. determinant, 48. innovate, 49. counterfeit, 50. endlessly

51. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
52. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
53. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
54. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
55. cou_____it money *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
56. qu_____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
57. ni_____e an ear of corn *v.* to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something
58. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 51. medicinal, 52. threefold, 53. secondly, 54. industrious, 55. counterfeit, 56. quantify, 57. nibble, 58. secondly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to send this email _____.

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

2. I like to _____ fruit in the morning for breakfast.

v. to take small or cautious bites or tastes, especially of food; to bite at or nibble on something repeatedly, often playfully or curiously; to gradually or slowly consume or erode something

3. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

4. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

5. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

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6. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

7. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

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

ANSWERS: 1. urgently, 2. nibble on, 3. unequal, 4. stark, 5. rev, 6. hospitalized, 7. secondly,

8. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.
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ANSWERS: 8. mismatch, 9. inert, 10. converse, 11. morgue, 12. counterfeit, 13. endlessly, 14. incentivize

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20. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.
- v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
21. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

ANSWERS: 15. litigate, 16. diluted, 17. plank, 18. threefold, 19. industrious, 20. quantify, 21. determinant, 22. hurdles

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