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Session 1: Word List

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

recourse

n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

synonym: resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym: in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

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.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

supercharge

v. to increase the power or energy of something

synonym : boost, enhance, power up

(1) **supercharge** economic growth, (2) **supercharge** the battery

They **supercharged** the engine to get more power.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex___e rebellion | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 2. em_____r the secretary to do the same | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 3. festival re_____y | n. | lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment |
| 4. need a trustworthy bab_____er | n. | a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians |
| 5. a h__e of activity | n. | a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people |
| 6. honeybees in h__es | n. | a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people |
| 7. re_____y in the streets | n. | lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment |
| 8. phe_____al growth | adj. | extremely good or impressive; outstanding |

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. empower, 3. revelry, 4. babysitter, 5. hive, 6. hive, 7. revelry, 8. phenomenal

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| 9. in_____te a new method | v. | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 10. en_____p her in a bear hug | v. | to surround and cover completely; to encase |
| 11. em_____r my life | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 12. ro__n eggs | n. | a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America |
| 13. re_____se debt | n. | a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal |
| 14. ye__n after my old days | v. | to strongly desire or long for something |
| 15. sma_____ne app developer | n. | a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 16. ye__n for love | v. | to strongly desire or long for something |
| 17. sma_____ne addict | n. | a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 18. experienced bab_____er | n. | a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians |
| 19. legal re_____se | n. | a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal |

ANSWERS: 9. innovate, 10. envelop, 11. empower, 12. robin, 13. recourse, 14. yearn, 15. smartphone, 16. yearn, 17. smartphone, 18. babysitter, 19. recourse

20. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
21. three months bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
22. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
23. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
24. sup_____ge the battery *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
25. sup_____ge economic growth *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
26. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
27. take a seat bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
28. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 20. envelop, 21. beforehand, 22. phenomenal, 23. innovate, 24. supercharge, 25. supercharge, 26. excite, 27. beforehand, 28. robin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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