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Session 1: Word List

newscast

n. a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day

synonym: news, broadcast, bulletin

(1) live **newscast**, (2) breaking **newscast**

I always watch the evening **newscast** to stay updated on current events.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

tornado

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

synonym: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

lamppost

n. a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps

synonym: streetlight, light post, pole light

(1) **lamppost** light, (2) hit a **lamppost**

The **lamppost** on the corner of the street has been out for a week, making it difficult to see at night.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

steeple

n. a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark

synonym: spire, tower, belfry

(1) lower case **steeple**, (2) **steeple** silhouette

The church's **steeple** reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym: handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

chimney

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym : flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

lye

n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic

substance

synonym: caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water

The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

frenetic

adj. frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation

synonym: frenzied, hyperactive, violent

(1) **frenetic** dancing, (2) **frenetic** energy

The **frenetic** pace of the city can be overwhelming for some people.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo____ze cooperation
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
2. ex____e in popularity
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
3. a_t cabin
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
4. use a ch____aw
n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
5. fr____ic energy
adj. frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
6. poison i_y
n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
7. to____o alley
n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
8. em____r my life
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
9. fr____ic dancing
adj. frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation

ANSWERS: 1. mobilize, 2. explode, 3. aft, 4. chainsaw, 5. frenetic, 6. ivy, 7. tornado, 8. empower, 9. frenetic

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| 10. ac_____ng attitude | <i>adj.</i> willing to receive or to take something offered |
| 11. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 12. sh_____r a world record | <i>v.</i> to break suddenly into many pieces |
| 13. la_____st light | <i>n.</i> a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps |
| 14. lower case st_____e | <i>n.</i> a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark |
| 15. a_t view | <i>adj.</i> (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle |
| 16. the members of a military tr__p | <i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit. |
| 17. ch_____y sweep | <i>n.</i> a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system |
| 18. st_____e silhouette | <i>n.</i> a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark |
| 19. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
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ANSWERS: 10. accepting, 11. empower, 12. shatter, 13. lamppost, 14. steeple, 15. aft, 16. troop, 17. chimney, 18. steeple, 19. cofounder, 20. shatter, 21. tornado

22. live ne____st *n.* a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day
23. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
24. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
25. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
26. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
27. hit a la____st *n.* a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
28. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
29. breaking ne_____st *n.* a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day

ANSWERS: 22. newscast, 23. scout, 24. resilient, 25. mobilize, 26. troop, 27. lamppost, 28. scout, 29. newscast

30. l_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
31. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
32. automated ho_____e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
33. ho_____e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
34. l_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
35. smoke ch_____y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
36. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
37. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
38. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 30. lye, 31. resilient, 32. hotline, 33. hotline, 34. lye, 35. chimney, 36. accepting, 37. explode, 38. cofounder

39. i_y plant

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

40. sharpen a ch_____aw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

ANSWERS: 39. ivy, 40. chainsaw

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The church's _____ reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.
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n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 15. accepting, 16. tornado, 17. lye, 18. hotline, 19. chainsaw, 20. cofounder