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Session 1: Word List

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

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.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

infatuate

v. to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

synonym : beguile, captivate, charm

(1) **infatuate** the audience, (2) make me **infatuated**

He has been **infatuated** with her since he met her.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

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.

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.

standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

synonym: uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
2. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
3. sta_____ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
4. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
5. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
6. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
7. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
8. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
9. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
10. sta_____ze administrative practices *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

ANSWERS: 1. passe, 2. posit, 3. standardize, 4. passe, 5. empower, 6. scarcity, 7. grove, 8. tactic, 9. scarcity, 10. standardize

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| 11. hum_____de climate change | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial |
| 12. make me in_____ted | <i>v.</i> to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something |
| 13. Peruvian ar_____cts | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest |
| 14. don't dis_____nt me | <i>v.</i> to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad |
| 15. alternative ta____c | <i>n.</i> a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective |
| 16. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 17. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 18. the worst hum_____de disaster | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial |
| 19. in_____te the audience | <i>v.</i> to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something |
| 20. citrus gr__e | <i>n.</i> a small group of trees growing closely together |
| 21. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 22. paleolithic ar_____cts | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest |

ANSWERS: 11. human-made, 12. infatuate, 13. artifact, 14. disappoint, 15. tactic, 16. posit, 17. empower, 18. human-made, 19. infatuate, 20. grove, 21. opportune, 22. artifact

23. dis_____nt the audience

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

24. an op_____ne remark

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 23. disappoint, 24. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
n. a small group of trees growing closely together
2. The company _____ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.
v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
3. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.
n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
6. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
7. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 1. grove, 2. standardized, 3. tactic, 4. opportune, 5. empowered, 6. passe, 7. scarcity

8. He has been _____ with her since he met her.
- v. to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
9. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
10. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
- v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
11. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
- adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
12. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 8. infatuated, 9. artifacts, 10. disappoint, 11. human-made, 12. posit