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Advanced Words Only

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Session 1: Word List

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym : social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

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**.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym: variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

standstill

n. a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources

synonym: halt, deadlock, impasse

(1) transportation **standstill**, (2) economic **standstill**

The traffic accident caused a **standstill** on the highway for several hours.

meticulously

adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

synonym: carefully, attentively, scrupulously

(1) **meticulously** crafted product, (2) **meticulously** executed

She **meticulously** planned every detail of her wedding.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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.

categorize

- v. to put people or things into groups according to their
features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of
failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

stabilize

- v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give
way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
2. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
3. transportation sta_____ll *n.* a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
4. economic sta_____ll *n.* a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
5. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
6. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
7. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
8. the ba_____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
9. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
10. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. sub-Saharan, 2. embarrass, 3. standstill, 4. standstill, 5. socioeconomic, 6. famine, 7. famine, 8. backlash, 9. improvisation, 10. electrify

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| 11. sm_____ox vaccine | <i>n.</i> | a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death |
| 12. mo_____to repellent | <i>n.</i> | a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 13. political ba_____sh | <i>n.</i> | a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 14. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 15. st_____ze prices | <i>v.</i> | to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way |
| 16. in__x full of emails | <i>n.</i> | an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept |
| 17. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 18. cat_____ze the image | <i>v.</i> | to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 19. sm_____ox epidemic | <i>n.</i> | a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death |
| 20. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> | the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |

ANSWERS: 11. smallpox, 12. mosquito, 13. backlash, 14. electrify, 15. stabilize, 16. inbox, 17. ancestor, 18. categorize, 19. smallpox, 20. improvisation

21. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
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23. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
24. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
25. met_____sly executed *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
26. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
27. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
28. met_____sly crafted product *adv.* with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully
29. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
30. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 21. mosquito, 22. socioeconomic, 23. sub-Saharan, 24. inbox, 25. meticulously, 26. embarrass, 27. vaccinate, 28. meticulously, 29. eradicate, 30. vaccinate

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| 31. cat_____ze the cause of failure | <i>v.</i> | to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 32. er_____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> | to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 33. st_____ze blood sugar levels | <i>v.</i> | to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way |
| 34. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |

ANSWERS: 31. categorize, 32. eradicate, 33. stabilize, 34. ancestor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

2. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.
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3. She _____ planned every detail of her wedding.
adv. with great attention to detail; thoroughly and carefully

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v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

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ANSWERS: 1. vaccinated, 2. inbox, 3. meticulously, 4. stabilizes, 5. sub-Saharan, 6. improvisation, 7. eradicate, 8. standstill

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16. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
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ANSWERS: 9. socioeconomic, 10. categorized, 11. mosquitos, 12. ancestor, 13. backlash, 14. smallpox, 15. electrify, 16. famine

17. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 17. embarrass