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Session 1: Word List

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.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

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.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym : assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
2. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
3. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
4. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
5. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
6. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
9. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
10. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. supple, 3. convene, 4. phenomenal, 5. philanthropy, 6. opportune, 7. opportune, 8. storytelling, 9. disrupt, 10. supple

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| 11. combat mis_____ion on social media | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 12. co_____e a press conference | <i>v.</i> to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity |
| 13. phi_____opy organization | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 14. phe_____al success | <i>adj.</i> extremely good or impressive; outstanding |
| 15. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 16. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 17. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 18. mis_____ion about a vaccine | <i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately |
| 19. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 20. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |

ANSWERS: 11. misinformation, 12. convene, 13. philanthropy, 14. phenomenal, 15. industrious, 16. storytelling, 17. disrupt, 18. misinformation, 19. industrious, 20. electrify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
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4. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding
5. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
6. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
8. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. philanthropy, 2. opportune, 3. disrupt, 4. phenomenal, 5. electrify, 6. industrious, 7. storytelling, 8. supple

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- v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
10. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 9. convene, 10. misinformation