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Session 1: Word List

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

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.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym: keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
synonym: deluge, drench, dunk
(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely
The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
synonym: stir, agitate, whirl
(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach
The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

suspense

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
synonym: tension, anticipation, excitement
(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie
The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

toolbar

n. a strip of icons or buttons on a computer screen that allows the user to access certain functions or applications quickly

synonym : ribbon, menu, interface

(1) **toolbar** icon, (2) a floating **toolbar**

The **toolbar** at the top of the screen allows you to access different features.

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.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

foreshadow

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

synonym : predict, hint at, suggest

(1) **foreshadow** future events, (2) **foreshadow** the

recession

The dark clouds **foreshadowed** a storm.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

retard

v. to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back

synonym: delay, hinder, impede

(1) **retard** progress, (2) **retard** the growth

Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and **retard** response.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ch__n in my stomach | v. | to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover |
| 2. su____se thriller | n. | a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome |
| 3. the cr____or's claims | n. | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 4. su____ge my head completely | v. | to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely |
| 5. em____y a spirit of charity | v. | to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea |
| 6. financial ac____n | n. | the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters |
| 7. fo____ow future events | v. | to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future |
| 8. issue a w__t | n. | a written legal order or command |
| 9. fo____ow the recession | v. | to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future |

ANSWERS: 1. churn, 2. suspense, 3. creditor, 4. submerge, 5. embody, 6. acumen, 7. foreshadow, 8. writ, 9. foreshadow

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| 10. su____ge in a liquid | v. | to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely |
| 11. ex___e the crowd | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 12. in____te a new method | v. | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 13. re___d progress | v. | to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back |
| 14. tr_____e down my cheek | v. | to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities |
| 15. bas_____ze culture | v. | to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something |
| 16. bankrupt cr____or | n. | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 17. to_____r icon | n. | a strip of icons or buttons on a computer screen that allows the user to access certain functions or applications quickly |
| 18. en____e a check with a letter | v. | to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include |
| 19. ex___e rebellion | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |

ANSWERS: 10. submerge, 11. excite, 12. innovate, 13. retard, 14. trickle, 15. bastardize, 16. creditor, 17. toolbar, 18. enclose, 19. excite

20. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
21. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
22. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
23. a floating to_____r *n.* a strip of icons or buttons on a computer screen that allows the user to access certain functions or applications quickly
24. em_____k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
25. em_____k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
26. re_____d the growth *v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
27. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
28. em_____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 20. enclose, 21. livelihood, 22. bastardize, 23. toolbar, 24. embark, 25. embark, 26. retard, 27. innovate, 28. embody

29. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
30. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
32. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
33. tr____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
34. a means of liv____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
35. critical ac____n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
36. su____se-filled movie *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

ANSWERS: 29. churn, 30. industrious, 31. industrious, 32. writ, 33. trickle, 34. livelihood, 35. acumen, 36. suspense

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
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3. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

4. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.
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6. Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and _____ response.
v. to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back

7. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. churned, 3. enclosed, 4. trickle, 5. bastardize, 6. retard, 7. livelihood

8. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
9. The mystery novel was full of _____ keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.
- n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
10. The ship was _____ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.
- v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
11. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
12. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
13. The _____ at the top of the screen allows you to access different features.
- n.* a strip of icons or buttons on a computer screen that allows the user to access certain functions or applications quickly
14. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 8. writ, 9. suspense, 10. submerged, 11. embarked, 12. acumen, 13. toolbar, 14. excited

15. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
16. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. The dark clouds _____ a storm.
v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
18. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 15. innovate, 16. industrious, 17. foreshadowed, 18. embody