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Session 1: Word List

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

reorient

v. to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something

synonym: reconstruct, reorganize

(1) **reorient** my thinking, (2) **reorient** the receiving antenna

Making a sharp noise will quickly **reorient** children's thoughts to the present.

striatum

n. a striped mass of white and grey matter located in the brain which controls movement and balance of the body

(1) rat's **striatum**, (2) corpus **striatum**

The **striatum** is the most significant component of the basal ganglia.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym: joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**
His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**
Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

babble

n. the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
synonym: drivel, gabble, gibberish

(1) the **babble** of a crowd, (2) mindless **babble**
Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological **babble**.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
synonym:

amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside
We could **stroll** into town if you like.

scientifically

adv. in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

(1) investigate **scientifically**, (2) **scientifically** explainable
The hypothesis is not yet **scientifically** proven.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fl____sh worldwide | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 2. investigate sci_____lly | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to science or is connected with science |
| 3. the ba___e of a crowd | <i>n.</i> the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech |
| 4. con_____ly aware of a problem | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 5. mindless ba___e | <i>n.</i> the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech |
| 6. a stiff hi__e | <i>n.</i> a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close |
| 7. re_____nt the receiving antenna | <i>v.</i> to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something |
| 8. the house was a wr__k | <i>n.</i> a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident |
| 9. st___l across a street | <i>v.</i> to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim |
| 10. a worthless wr__k | <i>n.</i> a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident |
| 11. fl____sh economically | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |

ANSWERS: 1. flourish, 2. scientifically, 3. babble, 4. consciously, 5. babble, 6. hinge, 7. reorient, 8. wreck, 9. stroll, 10. wreck, 11. flourish

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| 12. re____nt my thinking | <i>v.</i> to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something |
| 13. rat's st____um | <i>n.</i> a striped mass of white and grey matter located in the brain which controls movement and balance of the body |
| 14. sci_____lly explainable | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to science or is connected with science |
| 15. insecure hi__e | <i>n.</i> a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close |
| 16. st___l through the countryside | <i>v.</i> to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim |
| 17. the nature of met_____cs | <i>n.</i> the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space |
| 18. corpus st____um | <i>n.</i> a striped mass of white and grey matter located in the brain which controls movement and balance of the body |
| 19. syn_____ze movements | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 20. syn_____ze our watches | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 21. act con_____ly | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 22. met_____cs study | <i>n.</i> the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space |

ANSWERS: 12. reorient, 13. striatum, 14. scientifically, 15. hinge, 16. stroll, 17. metaphysics, 18. striatum, 19. synchronize, 20. synchronize, 21. consciously, 22. metaphysics

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
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3. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
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5. Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological _____.
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7. Making a sharp noise will quickly _____ children's thoughts to the present.
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ANSWERS: 1. wreck, 2. hinge, 3. synchronized, 4. scientifically, 5. babble, 6. metaphysics, 7. reorient

8. We could _____ into town if you like.

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

9. The _____ is the most significant component of the basal ganglia.

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10. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

11. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 8. stroll, 9. striatum, 10. flourished, 11. consciously