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Session 1: Word List

Sodom

n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

(1) **Sodom** and Gomorrah, (2) the city of **Sodom**

The term "**Sodom**" has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax
His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

inhospitable

adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

synonym: sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable** manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

Session 2: Spelling

1. before Ch___t
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
2. the early inh_____nts of Europe
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
3. genteel eu_____sm
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
4. st__k truth
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
5. st__k landscape
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
6. a high person's wr__h
n. extreme anger
7. the ge_____s of civilization
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
8. in an inh_____ble manner
adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
9. three-year-old ne___w
n. a son of your brother or sister
10. the city of So__m
n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

ANSWERS: 1. Christ, 2. inhabitant, 3. euphemism, 4. stark, 5. stark, 6. wrath, 7. genesis, 8. inhospitable, 9. nephew, 10. Sodom

11. So__m and Gomorrah *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
12. a eu_____sm for death *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
13. inh_____ble environment *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
14. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
15. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
16. wr__h of God *n.* extreme anger
17. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
18. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
19. in the Book of Ge____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
20. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 11. Sodom, 12. euphemism, 13. inhospitable, 14. instruct, 15. nephew, 16. wrath, 17. inhabitant, 18. Christ, 19. genesis, 20. instruct

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
2. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
3. The company used the _____ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
4. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
5. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
6. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
7. He trekked across some of the most _____ mountains in the world.
adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

ANSWERS: 1. Christmas, 2. nephew, 3. euphemism, 4. genesis, 5. stark, 6. instructed, 7. inhospitable

8. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

9. The term "_____" has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

10. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.

n. extreme anger

ANSWERS: 8. inhabitant, 9. Sodom", 10. wrath