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Session 1: Word List

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural

phenomena.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

malevolent

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

synonym: evil, malicious, wicked

(1) **malevolent** stars, (2) **malevolent** act

She had a **malevolent** intention to harm her enemy.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

Session 2: Spelling

1. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
2. de____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
3. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
4. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
5. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
6. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
7. mal_____nt stars *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
8. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
9. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 1. allege, 2. deceive, 3. skepticism, 4. skeptical, 5. skeptic, 6. reinterpretation, 7. malevolent, 8. skeptic, 9. skeptical

10. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
11. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
12. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
13. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
14. mal_____nt act *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

ANSWERS: 10. reinterpretation, 11. allege, 12. skepticism, 13. deceive, 14. malevolent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

2. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

3. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

4. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
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5. She had a _____ intention to harm her enemy.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

6. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

7. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 1. reinterpretation, 2. skeptic, 3. deceive, 4. skepticism, 5. malevolent, 6. skeptical, 7. alleged

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