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Session 1: Word List

peacetime

n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

synonym : peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

counterproductive

adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

synonym : ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

hamper

v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

synonym: hinder, impede, obstruct

(1) **hamper** progress, (2) **hamper** growth

The piles of laundry on the floor **hampered my** ability to walk around my room.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym: lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. incumbent la_____er | <i>n.</i> a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws |
| 2. pe_____me treaty | <i>n.</i> the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war |
| 3. highly cou_____ive to performance | <i>adj.</i> having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted |
| 4. tr_____e down my cheek | <i>v.</i> to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities |
| 5. tr_____e from his eyes | <i>v.</i> to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities |
| 6. ha____r progress | <i>v.</i> to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something |
| 7. cou_____ive approach | <i>adj.</i> having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted |
| 8. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 9. pe_____me era | <i>n.</i> the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war |

ANSWERS: 1. lawmaker, 2. peacetime, 3. counterproductive, 4. trickle, 5. trickle, 6. hamper, 7. counterproductive, 8. improvisation, 9. peacetime

10. female la____er

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

11. ha____r growth

v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

12. jazz imp_____ion

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 10. lawmaker, 11. hamper, 12. improvisation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The piles of laundry on the floor _____ ability to walk around my room.
v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
2. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
3. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.
v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
4. Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in _____.
n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
5. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely _____ but common.
adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
6. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 1. hampered my, 2. lawmakers, 3. trickle, 4. peacetime, 5. counterproductive, 6. improvisation