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Session 1: Word List

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym: gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

evidentialism

n. a philosophical theory that emphasizes the importance of evidence in forming beliefs and holds that beliefs are justified only if they are based on sufficient evidence

synonym : evidentiality, empiricism, rationalism

(1) **evidentialism** theory, (2) **evidentialism** principle

The primary goal of **evidentialism** is to promote rationality and critical thinking.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym : fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

pragmatist

n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

synonym: realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 2. false acc_____on | <i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone |
| 3. promote di_____st behavior | <i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest |
| 4. gr____y details | <i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality |
| 5. fin_____nt at a crime scene | <i>n.</i> a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person |
| 6. baseless pre_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 7. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 8. evi_____ism principle | <i>n.</i> a philosophical theory that emphasizes the importance of evidence in forming beliefs and holds that beliefs are justified only if they are based on sufficient evidence |

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. accusation, 3. dishonest, 4. grisly, 5. fingerprint, 6. pretension, 7. determinant, 8. evidentialism

9. di_____st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
10. gr___y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
11. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
12. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
13. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
14. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
15. a true pra_____st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
16. evi_____ism theory *n.* a philosophical theory that emphasizes the importance of evidence in forming beliefs and holds that beliefs are justified only if they are based on sufficient evidence
17. pra_____st perspective *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

ANSWERS: 9. dishonest, 10. grisly, 11. accuse, 12. pretension, 13. moreover, 14. accusation, 15. pragmatist, 16. evidentialism, 17. pragmatist

18. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
19. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
20. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

ANSWERS: 18. accuse, 19. moreover, 20. fingerprint

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police used a _____ scanner to identify the suspect.
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2. The primary goal of _____ is to promote rationality and critical thinking.
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3. The _____ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.
adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
4. Often in drama, _____ personalities gain popularity.
adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest
5. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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6. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
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ANSWERS: 1. fingerprint, 2. evidentialism, 3. grisly, 4. dishonest, 5. determinant, 6. moreover, 7. accusation

8. As a _____ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.
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9. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
10. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 8. pragmatist, 9. pretensions, 10. accused