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Session 1: Word List

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

cobalt

n. a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

synonym: Co

(1) **cobalt** steel, (2) **cobalt** blue

The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a **cobalt** layer to improve their durability.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

rattlesnake

n. a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas

synonym: rattler, viper, cobra

(1) **rattlesnake** bite, (2) **rattlesnake** venom

Hikers are warned to watch out for **rattlesnakes** on the trail during the summer months.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

ewe

n. a female sheep, especially a fully grown one

(1) a fulsome **ewe**, (2) the **ewe** lambled

One **ewe** has dropped twins.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ap_____id system | <i>n.</i> a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors |
| 2. the mi_____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 3. im_____e painting styles | <i>v.</i> to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something |
| 4. a rh_____ic stroking | <i>adj.</i> having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm |
| 5. li_____te potential | <i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression |
| 6. a fulsome e_e | <i>n.</i> a female sheep, especially a fully grown one |
| 7. mi__r strike | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth |
| 8. des_____nt of a pioneer | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 9. the e_e lambled | <i>n.</i> a female sheep, especially a fully grown one |

ANSWERS: 1. apartheid, 2. mindset, 3. imitate, 4. rhythmic, 5. liberate, 6. ewe, 7. miner, 8. descendant, 9. ewe

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13. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
14. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
15. rat_____ke bite *n.* a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas
16. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
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19. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 8. liberated, 9. imitated, 10. oversea, 11. rattlesnakes, 12. cobalt, 13. descendants