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Session 1: Word List

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a

chairperson

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

electrolysis

n. a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

(1) **electrolysis** apparatus, (2) copper **electrolysis** process

The **electrolysis** of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym: backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym: shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger
The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
2. tackle the problem ur____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
3. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
4. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
5. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. copper ele_____sis process *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
7. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
8. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
9. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

ANSWERS: 1. urgently, 2. urgently, 3. electrify, 4. chairperson, 5. industrious, 6. electrolysis, 7. sneak, 8. chairperson, 9. bunker

10. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
11. re____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
12. re____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
13. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. ele_____sis apparatus *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
16. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
17. coal bu___r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
18. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 10. sneak, 11. retrofit, 12. retrofit, 13. industrious, 14. opportune, 15. electrolysis, 16. electrify, 17. bunker, 18. opportune

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
3. I need to send this email _____.
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
4. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.
n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
6. The _____ of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.
n. a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
7. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. chairperson, 3. urgently, 4. industrious, 5. bunker, 6. electrolysis, 7. electrify

8. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
9. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.
- v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

ANSWERS: 8. sneak, 9. retrofit