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Session 1: Word List

atrophy

n. a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse

synonym: disintegration, degeneration, wasting away

(1) weakness with **atrophy**, (2) **atrophy** of the muscles

Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of **atrophy**.

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.

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.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

Session 2: Spelling

1. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
4. at_____y of the muscles *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
5. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
6. weakness with at_____y *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
7. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
8. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
9. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
10. do_____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
11. ou_____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
12. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. opportune, 3. intellect, 4. atrophy, 5. doorway, 6. atrophy, 7. reinvent, 8. outgrow, 9. oversea, 10. doorway, 11. outgrow, 12. oversea

13. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
14. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
15. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
16. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 13. policymaker, 14. reinvent, 15. intellect, 16. policymaker

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. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
4. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
5. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.
v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
6. Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of _____.
n. a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
7. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. intellect, 3. oversea, 4. reinvent, 5. outgrow, 6. atrophy, 7. Policymakers

8. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

ANSWERS: 8. doorway,