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Session 1: Word List

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

typhoon

n. a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

synonym : cyclone, hurricane, storm

(1) super **typhoon**, (2) **typhoon** season

Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the **typhoon's** severity.

tredecillion

n. a number equivalent to 1 followed by 42 zeros, or 10 to the power of 42

synonym : one quattuordecillion, ten duotrigintillion

(1) **tredecillion** atoms, (2) approximately 43 **tredecillion**

The estimated number of stars in the universe is approximately one **tredecillion**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. political ba_____sh | <i>n.</i> a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 2. tre_____ion atoms | <i>n.</i> a number equivalent to 1 followed by 42 zeros, or 10 to the power of 42 |
| 3. in___t him of injuries | <i>v.</i> to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them |
| 4. approximately 43 tre_____ion | <i>n.</i> a number equivalent to 1 followed by 42 zeros, or 10 to the power of 42 |
| 5. super ty_____n | <i>n.</i> a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean |
| 6. the ba_____sh from the community | <i>n.</i> a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact |
| 7. ty_____n season | <i>n.</i> a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean |
| 8. in___t a suspect | <i>v.</i> to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them |
| 9. an__y everyone else | <i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly |

ANSWERS: 1. backlash, 2. tredecillion, 3. indict, 4. tredecillion, 5. typhoon, 6. backlash, 7. typhoon, 8. indict, 9. annoy

10. an__y at the time

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 10. annoy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the _____ severity.
 - n.* a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
2. The estimated number of stars in the universe is approximately one _____.
 - n.* a number equivalent to 1 followed by 42 zeros, or 10 to the power of 42
3. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.
 - n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
4. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
 - v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
5. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
 - v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 1. typhoon's, 2. tredecillion, 3. backlash, 4. indict, 5. annoy