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Session 1: Word List

smog

n. a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

synonym: smog, haze, pollution

(1) **smog** alert, (2) toxic **smog**

The heavy **smog** in the city was causing health issues for the residents.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

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.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

powertrain

n. the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts

synonym: engine, propulsion system, drive train

(1) hybrid **powertrain**, (2) e- **powertrain**

The company invested significant funds in developing a more fuel-efficient **powertrain** for its commercial vehicles.

valet

n. a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant

synonym: attendant, butler, chauffeur

(1) **valet** parking, (2) hotel **valet**

After dinner, I handed my keys to the **valet** and walked into the restaurant.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym: in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pri_____ze tasks | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 2. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 3. ag__e in his movements | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 4. pri_____ze people over cars | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 5. co_____t in a vein | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 6. three months bef_____nd | <i>adv.</i> ahead of time; in advance |
| 7. va__t parking | <i>n.</i> a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant |
| 8. take a seat bef_____nd | <i>adv.</i> ahead of time; in advance |
| 9. e-pow_____in | <i>n.</i> the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts |
| 10. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 11. hotel va__t | <i>n.</i> a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant |

ANSWERS: 1. prioritize, 2. industrious, 3. agile, 4. prioritize, 5. congest, 6. beforehand, 7. valet, 8. beforehand, 9. powertrain, 10. industrious, 11. valet

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| 12. toxic s__g | <i>n.</i> a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas |
| 13. an ag__e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 14. hybrid pow_____in | <i>n.</i> the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts |
| 15. s__g alert | <i>n.</i> a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas |
| 16. co_____t a highway | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |

ANSWERS: 12. smog, 13. agile, 14. powertrain, 15. smog, 16. congest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After dinner, I handed my keys to the _____ and walked into the restaurant.
n. a person employed to park cars or act as a personal attendant; a personal servant or assistant
2. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
3. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
4. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
5. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. The company invested significant funds in developing a more fuel-efficient _____ for its commercial vehicles.
n. the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts
7. The heavy _____ in the city was causing health issues for the residents.
n. a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

ANSWERS: 1. valet, 2. prioritized, 3. congested, 4. agile, 5. industrious, 6. powertrain, 7. smog

8. She packed her sunscreen _____ to remember it on the beach trip.

adv. ahead of time; in advance

ANSWERS: 8. beforehand