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Session 1: Word List

time-consuming

adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

synonym : lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

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.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym: develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____te a company | v. | to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there |
| 2. mo_____ze agriculture | v. | to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system |
| 3. mo_____ze infrastructure | v. | to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system |
| 4. de____n a terrorist | v. | to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 5. financial cr____h | n. | a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation |
| 6. face the da_____ng reality | adj. | looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something |
| 7. op_____ne occasion | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 8. arbitrary bur_____cy | n. | a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives |

ANSWERS: 1. relocate, 2. modernize, 3. modernize, 4. detain, 5. crunch, 6. daunting, 7. opportune, 8. bureaucracy

9. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. dr_____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
11. tim_____ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
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16. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
17. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
18. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
19. de____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 9. opportune, 10. dreadful, 11. time-consuming, 12. time-consuming, 13. crunch, 14. migrant, 15. dreadful, 16. inefficient, 17. daunting, 18. relocate, 19. detain

20. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
21. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
22. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. bureaucracy, 21. migrant, 22. inefficient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
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