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Session 1: Word List

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym : honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed
The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

dope

n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

synonym : narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) **dope** scandal, (2) smoking **dope**

He was arrested for possessing illegal **dope**.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

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.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

Session 2: Spelling

1. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
2. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
3. smoking d__e *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
4. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
5. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
6. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
7. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
9. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 1. commemorate, 2. quitter, 3. dope, 4. underestimate, 5. connote, 6. millennial, 7. opportune, 8. millennial, 9. commemorate

10. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
12. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
13. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
14. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
15. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
16. d__e scandal *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
17. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
18. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. connote, 12. quitter, 13. pandemic, 14. seize, 15. seize, 16. dope, 17. underestimate, 18. pandemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

2. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

3. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

4. He was arrested for possessing illegal _____.
n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

5. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

7. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 1. underestimated, 2. seize, 3. millennial-scale, 4. dope, 5. commemorated, 6. opportune, 7. connotes

8. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
9. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 8. quitter, 9. pandemic