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Session 1: Word List

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

offstage

adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

synonym : backstage, behind the scenes, off-camera

(1) crack jokes **offstage** during the break, (2) quickly move the props **offstage**

The actors were waiting anxiously **offstage** for their cue to go on.

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.

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym: cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym: beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

jot

v. to write quickly or briefly

synonym: note, scribble, write down

(1) **jot** off a letter, (2) **jot** down ideas

I'll **jot** down the address, so I don't forget it.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the

manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____e the listener | v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 2. crack jokes of _____ge during the break | <i>adv.</i> in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators |
| 3. he _____at abnormality | <i>n.</i> the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force |
| 4. ind _____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 5. co_____e fantasy with reality | v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 6. a pounding he _____at | <i>n.</i> the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force |
| 7. j_t off a letter | v. to write quickly or briefly |
| 8. ba _____ge access | <i>adj.</i> relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life |
| 9. quickly move the props of _____ge | <i>adv.</i> in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators |

ANSWERS: 1. confuse, 2. offstage, 3. heartbeat, 4. industrious, 5. confuse, 6. heartbeat, 7. jot, 8. backstage, 9. offstage

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| 10. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet | <i>n.</i> a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock |
| 11. re_____k the role of the manager | <i>v.</i> to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it |
| 12. scenic wa_____ll | <i>n.</i> a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock |
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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