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Session 1: Word List

referee

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

synonym: judge, arbiter, umpire

(1) a fair **referee**, (2) assistant **referee**

The **referee** blew his whistle.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

unscrupulous

adj. having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
synonym : unethical, immoral, dishonest

(1) **unscrupulous** conduct, (2) **unscrupulous** tactics

The **unscrupulous** salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.

nefarious

adj. extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities

synonym : wicked, evil, villainous

(1) **nefarious** intentions, (2) **nefarious** activities

The undercover investigator exposed the **nefarious** plan before any harm could be done.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

Session 2: Spelling

1. assistant re____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
2. uns_____ous conduct *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
3. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
4. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
5. ne_____us activities *adj.* extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities
6. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
7. uns_____ous tactics *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
8. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
9. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
10. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 1. referee, 2. unscrupulous, 3. summon, 4. counterintuitive, 5. nefarious, 6. counterintuitive, 7. unscrupulous, 8. foe, 9. mislead, 10. summon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ blew his whistle.
n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

2. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

3. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

4. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

5. The _____ salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.
adj. having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

6. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

7. The undercover investigator exposed the _____ plan before any harm could be done.
adj. extremely wicked or criminal; evil or immoral; often used to describe someone engaged in sinister or unlawful activities

ANSWERS: 1. referee, 2. summoning, 3. foe, 4. counterintuitive, 5. unscrupulous, 6. mislead, 7. nefarious

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