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Session 1: Word List

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

fluctuation

n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

synonym : change, instability, flux

(1) price **fluctuations**, (2) **fluctuation** of water level

Temperature **fluctuations** are often milder in oceanfront areas.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym : ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

overvalue

v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

synonym : overestimate, inflate, exaggerate

(1) **overvalue** stocks, (2) **overvalue** assets

It is important not to **overvalue** material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym : underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

foolproof

adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

synonym : unfailing, foolproof, fail-safe

(1) **foolproof** method, (2) **foolproof** plan

This recipe is **foolproof** and easy to follow, even for

inexperienced cooks.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. flu_____on of water level | <i>n.</i> a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes |
| 2. ov_____ue stocks | <i>v.</i> to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value |
| 3. und_____ue the potential | <i>v.</i> to assign too low a value to something |
| 4. price flu_____ons | <i>n.</i> a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes |
| 5. fo_____of method | <i>adj.</i> designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong |
| 6. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 7. fl_____te rapidly | <i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably |
| 8. fl_____te prices | <i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably |

ANSWERS: 1. fluctuation, 2. overvalue, 3. undervalue, 4. fluctuation, 5. foolproof, 6. determinant, 7. fluctuate, 8. fluctuate

9. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
10. ov_____ue assets *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
11. fo_____of plan *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
12. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
13. ine_____ncy in the system *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
14. bureaucratic ine_____ncy *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
15. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
16. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something

ANSWERS: 9. diminish, 10. overvalue, 11. foolproof, 12. diminish, 13. inefficiency, 14. inefficiency, 15. determinant, 16. undervalue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Temperature _____ are often milder in oceanfront areas.
n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

2. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

3. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.
n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

4. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

5. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
v. to assign too low a value to something

6. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

7. This recipe is _____ and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.
adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

ANSWERS: 1. fluctuations, 2. diminish, 3. inefficiency, 4. determinant, 5. undervalued, 6. fluctuate, 7. foolproof

8. It is important not to _____ material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.
- v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

ANSWERS: 8. overvalue