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Session 1: Word List

bookkeeping

n. the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way

synonym: accounting, record-keeping, reckoning

(1) **bookkeeping** software, (2) **bookkeeping** system

Bookkeeping errors can lead to inaccurate financial reporting and potential legal issues.

underpaid

adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

synonym: undervalued, under-compensated, under-rewarded

(1) **underpaid** mail, (2) **underpaid** position

Many people believe that they are **underpaid** for the work that they do.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

quartet

n. a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

synonym: ensemble, group, four

(1) string **quartet**, (2) jazz **quartet**

The **quartet** played a beautiful piece of music together.

medley

n. a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events

synonym: mixture, assortment, potpourri

(1) seafood **medley**, (2) **medley** of emotions

The singer performed a **medley** of their greatest hits during the concert.

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.

videography

n. the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes

synonym: filmmaking, cinematography

(1) **videography** equipment, (2) **videography** skills

The quality of **videography** in this film is exceptional.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

Session 2: Spelling

1. vid_____hy equipment *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
2. un_____id position *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
3. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
4. un_____id mail *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
5. seafood me____y *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
6. string qu_____t *n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
7. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
8. boo_____ng software *n.* the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way
9. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 1. videography, 2. underpaid, 3. determinant, 4. underpaid, 5. medley, 6. quartet, 7. corruptible, 8. bookkeeping, 9. balk

10. jazz qu____t *n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
11. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
12. me___y of emotions *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
13. boo_____ng system *n.* the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way
14. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
15. vid_____hy skills *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
16. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 10. quartet, 11. corruptible, 12. medley, 13. bookkeeping, 14. determinant, 15. videography, 16. balk

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. Many people believe that they are _____ for the work that they do.
 - adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

3. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
 - adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

4. The _____ played a beautiful piece of music together.
 - n.* a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

5. The singer performed a _____ of their greatest hits during the concert.
 - n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events

6. The quality of _____ in this film is exceptional.
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7. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
 - v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. underpaid, 3. corruptible, 4. quartet, 5. medley, 6. videography, 7. balk

8. _____ errors can lead to inaccurate financial reporting and potential legal issues.
- n.* the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way

ANSWERS: 8. Bookkeeping