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Session 1: Word List

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym: silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

accolade

n. an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

synonym : tribute, honor, award

(1) **accolade** ceremony, (2) professional **accolade**

The actor received an **accolade** for his outstanding performance in the play.

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.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
2. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
3. professional ac____de *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
4. gr____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
5. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
6. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
7. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
8. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
9. ac____de ceremony *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

ANSWERS: 1. mural, 2. mute, 3. accolade, 4. graffiti, 5. graffiti, 6. elevate, 7. mute, 8. industrious, 9. accolade

10. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
12. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 10. industrious, 11. mural, 12. elevate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The actor received an _____ for his outstanding performance in the play.
n. an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

2. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.
adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

3. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

4. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

5. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

6. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.
adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

ANSWERS: 1. accolade, 2. mural, 3. industrious, 4. graffiti, 5. elevates, 6. mute