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Advanced Words Only

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Session 1: Word List

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

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.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

layoff

n. the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment

synonym: dismissal, redundancy, termination

(1) temporary **layoff**, (2) mass **layoff**

The workers protested against the unfairness of the **layoff**, claiming they should have been consulted first.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

utilitarian

adj. designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious

synonym: functional, practical, pragmatic

(1) **utilitarian** design, (2) **utilitarian** economics

The kitchen is designed with a **utilitarian** approach, focusing on practicality rather than aesthetics.

utilitarianism

n. the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority

(1) individualistic **utilitarianism**, (2) institutional **utilitarianism**

Utilitarianism focuses on results and consequences rather than rules.

cyanide

n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison

synonym: nitrile, poison, toxin

(1) **cyanide** poisoning, (2) hydrogen **cyanide**

The use of **cyanide** as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.

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.

tamper

v. to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal

synonym: meddle, fiddle, monkey

(1) **tamper** with evidence, (2) **tamper-resistant**

It's important not to **tamper** with the settings on your computer unless you know what you're doing.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

synonym : imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. individualistic uti_____ism | <i>n.</i> the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority |
| 2. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 3. in___t under the skin | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 4. uti_____an economics | <i>adj.</i> designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious |
| 5. co_____t website | <i>n.</i> a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand |
| 6. the cu_____t of global warming | <i>n.</i> someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing |
| 7. re_____d back into positive growth | <i>v.</i> to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched |
| 8. the arrest of the cu_____t | <i>n.</i> someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing |
| 9. professional et__c | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems |

ANSWERS: 1. utilitarianism, 2. industrious, 3. inject, 4. utilitarian, 5. copycat, 6. culprit, 7. rebound, 8. culprit, 9. ethic

10. ta___r with evidence *v.* to interfere with something in a way that causes damage or unauthorized alteration; to meddle with or manipulate something without permission or authority; (noun) a tool or device used for interfering with or altering something in a way that is unauthorized or illegal
11. institutional uti_____ism *n.* the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority
12. hydrogen cy_____e *n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
13. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
14. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
15. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
16. temporary la____f *n.* the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment

ANSWERS: 10. tamper, 11. utilitarianism, 12. cyanide, 13. rebound, 14. poisonous, 15. plummet, 16. layoff

17. co_____t behavior *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
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ANSWERS: 24. utilitarian, 25. determinant, 26. ethic, 27. plummet, 28. tamper

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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3. The kitchen is designed with a _____ approach, focusing on practicality rather than aesthetics.
 - adj.* designed to be practical and functional rather than decorative or luxurious

4. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.
 - n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

5. The workers protested against the unfairness of the _____ claiming they should have been consulted first.
 - n.* the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment

6. The use of _____ as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.
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ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. tamper, 3. utilitarian, 4. culprit, 5. layoff, 6. cyanide

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

ANSWERS: 7. poisonous snakes, 8. rebounded, 9. inject, 10. ethic, 11. Utilitarianism, 12. copycat, 13. industrious

14. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 14. plummeted