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Session 1: Word List

sober

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

synonym : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym : make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in

charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym : illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

autograph

n. a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual

synonym : signature, sign-off, inscription

(1) **autograph** collection, (2) celebrity **autograph**

I was thrilled to get the **autograph** of my favorite musician after the concert.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

venerate

v. to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem

synonym : worship, adore, honor

(1) **venerate** ancestors, (2) **venerate** the divine

Many people **venerate** Mahatma Gandhi as a symbol of peace and non-violence.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

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.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the cr____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 2. str____ry greenhouse | <i>n.</i> a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top |
| 3. vi____e at a regular frequency | <i>v.</i> to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side |
| 4. as so__r as a judge | <i>adj.</i> not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises |
| 5. previously un____d-of economic development | <i>adj.</i> not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention |
| 6. an un____d story | <i>adj.</i> not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention |
| 7. b__w beer | <i>v.</i> to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water |
| 8. st____d service | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |
| 9. au____ph collection | <i>n.</i> a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual |

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. strawberry, 3. vibrate, 4. sober, 5. unheard, 6. unheard, 7. brew, 8. steward, 9. autograph

10. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
11. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
12. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
13. ve_____te ancestors *v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
14. ex_____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
15. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
16. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
17. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
18. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
19. ve_____te the divine *v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
20. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
21. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something

ANSWERS: 10. incentivize, 11. skeptic, 12. resilient, 13. venerate, 14. exemplify, 15. strawberry, 16. vibrate, 17. resilient, 18. incentivize, 19. venerate, 20. creditor, 21. exemplify

22. st____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
23. celebrity au____ph *n.* a person's signature or handwritten inscription, especially that of a famous or admired individual
24. so__r discussion *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
25. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
26. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
27. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
28. 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

ANSWERS: 22. steward, 23. autograph, 24. sober, 25. determinant, 26. skeptic, 27. brew, 28. determinant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was thrilled to get the _____ of my favorite musician after the concert.
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2. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

3. The example of a successful startup serves to _____ the potential of the industry.
v. to serve as a typical example of something

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. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

6. He led a _____ life.
adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

7. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

ANSWERS: 1. autograph, 2. creditor, 3. exemplify, 4. determinant, 5. incentivize, 6. sober, 7. vibrate

8. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
9. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
10. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.
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ANSWERS: 8. skeptic, 9. strawberry, 10. brew, 11. resilient, 12. unheard, 13. venerate, 14. steward