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Session 1: Word List

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.

ravine

n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide

synonym : canyon, gorge, gulch

(1) **ravine** trail, (2) steep **ravine**

The hiker fell into a **ravine** and had to be rescued by a helicopter.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

palindrome

n. a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

synonym: word palindrome, reversible, mirror-image word

(1) **palindrome** phrase, (2) **palindrome** number

The word "deified" is an example of a **palindrome**, where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

nestle

v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

synonym: snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot

The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym: course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ne___e deeper against him v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
2. moral et__c 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
3. low-r_v engine n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
4. ho__r around the table v. to stay in one place in the air
5. br__e beasts n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
6. t__k to the refrigerator door n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
7. ho__r between life and death v. to stay in one place in the air

ANSWERS: 1. nestle, 2. ethic, 3. rev, 4. hover, 5. brute, 6. tack, 7. hover

8. pal_____me number *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
9. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
10. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
11. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
12. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
13. ne___e in a cozy spot *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

ANSWERS: 8. palindrome, 9. rev, 10. energize, 11. brute, 12. tack, 13. nestle

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15. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
16. ra_____e trail *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
17. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
18. professional et__c *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
19. steep ra_____e *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
20. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 14. palindrome, 15. energize, 16. ravine, 17. artifact, 18. ethic, 19. ravine, 20. artifact

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hiker fell into a _____ and had to be rescued by a helicopter.
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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
3. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
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7. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.
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ANSWERS: 1. ravine, 2. ethic, 3. energized, 4. rev, 5. hovering, 6. palindrome, 7. brute

8. The cat _____ in my lap and fell asleep.
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ANSWERS: 8. nestled, 9. artifacts, 10. tack