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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.

adventurer

n. a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences

synonym : explorer, entrepreneur, daredevil

(1) daredevil **adventurer**, (2) outdoor **adventurers**

The ocean **adventurer** holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

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**.

garrison

n. a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
synonym : fort, regiment, soldiers

(1) **garrison** troops, (2) reinforce a **garrison**

They formed a vast **garrison** to withstand an assault.

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.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

thwart

v. to prevent something from happening or succeeding

synonym : hinder, block, obstruct

(1) **thwart** enemy plans, (2) **thwart** attempts

He **thwarted** the thief's attempt to steal the painting.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

vandalism

n. the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful

synonym : destruction, damage, desecration

(1) cyber **vandalism**, (2) **vandalism** at shrines

The graffiti on the wall was an act of **vandalism** that caused damage to public property.

deface

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

synonym: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

concentric

adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another

synonym: homocentric, nested, circular

(1) **concentric** design, (2) **concentric** shades of color

Concentric circles surrounded the target on the shooting

range.

outermost

adj. farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something

synonym: outer, extreme, farthest

(1) **outermost** boundary, (2) **outermost** shell

The **outermost** layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

agitated

adj. characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way

synonym: nervous, troubled, restless

(1) **agitated** state, (2) **agitated** behavior

The **agitated** dog kept barking at the door, wanting to go outside.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. n_d at each other | v. | to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation |
| 2. in____ct a student | v. | to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 3. one of the main dr____cks | n. | a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive |
| 4. the go__es of the Yangtse River | n. | a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it |
| 5. in____ct a computer | v. | to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 6. cast the go__e | n. | a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it |
| 7. di____ct attention from the real issue | v. | to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 8. de____e the wall with graffiti | v. | to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it |
| 9. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. nod, 2. instruct, 3. drawback, 4. gorge, 5. instruct, 6. gorge, 7. distract, 8. deface, 9. ethic

10. con_____ic design *adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
11. ga_____on troops *n.* a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
12. con_____ic shades of color *adj.* having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another
13. th____t enemy plans *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
14. electronic typ_____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
15. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
16. ou_____st shell *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
17. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
18. ra____e trail *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
19. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 10. concentric, 11. garrison, 12. concentric, 13. thwart, 14. typewriter, 15. anguish, 16. outermost, 17. artifact, 18. ravine, 19. nod

20. reinforce a ga_____on *n.* a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort
21. th___t attempts *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
22. cyber va_____sm *n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful
23. ag_____ed state *adj.* characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way
24. steep ra___e *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
25. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
26. the dr_____ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
27. va_____sm at shrines *n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful
28. 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

ANSWERS: 20. garrison, 21. thwart, 22. vandalism, 23. agitated, 24. ravine, 25. artifact, 26. drawback, 27. vandalism, 28. ethic

29. outdoor adv_____ers *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
30. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
31. de____e private property *v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
32. daredevil adv_____er *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
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34. ag_____ed behavior *adj.* characterized by a state of anxiety, nervous excitement, or restlessness; stirred up or disturbed in a physical or emotional way
35. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
36. ou_____st boundary *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something

ANSWERS: 29. adventurer, 30. anguish, 31. deface, 32. adventurer, 33. typewriter, 34. agitated, 35. distract, 36. outermost

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The teacher warned the boys not to _____ public property.
v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

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v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

3. They formed a vast _____ to withstand an assault.
n. a group of soldiers stationed to defend a town or fort

4. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

5. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
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6. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.
n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

7. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
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adj. having a common center, with circles or spheres that share a common center point; having shapes or forms that are aligned or nested within one another

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ANSWERS: 9. anguish, 10. thwarted, 11. outermost, 12. vandalism, 13. agitated, 14. typewriter, 15. drawbacks, 16. ethic

17. The ocean _____ holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

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ANSWERS: 17. adventurer, 18. ravine