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Session 1: Word List

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

upstart

n. a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer

synonym: parvenu, newbie, newcomer

(1) **upstart** company, (2) ambitious **upstart**

The **upstart** politician made a splash in the election, challenging the established incumbents.

individualize

v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

synonym: personalize, differentiate

(1) **individualize** each patient, (2) **individualize** dosages

Our schools offer **individualized** education by excellent teachers.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym : digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym : captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

daisy

n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

synonym : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

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.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. private phi_____opy | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 2. lawn da__y | <i>n.</i> a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead |
| 3. phi_____opy organization | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 4. ped_____cs clinic | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children |
| 5. ind_____ize dosages | <i>v.</i> to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc. |
| 6. climate sk_____c | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural |
| 7. da__y chain | <i>n.</i> a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead |
| 8. an ingrained sk_____c | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural |
| 9. mi__r strike | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth |

ANSWERS: 1. philanthropy, 2. daisy, 3. philanthropy, 4. pediatrics, 5. individualize, 6. skeptic, 7. daisy, 8. skeptic, 9. miner

10. ambitious up____t *n.* a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer
11. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
12. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
13. a ca___y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
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ANSWERS: 10. upstart, 11. stride, 12. audacious, 13. catchy, 14. stride, 15. catchy, 16. upstart, 17. individualize, 18. pediatrics, 19. audacious

20. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
21. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
22. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 20. miner, 21. gutsy, 22. gutsy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. She picked a blue _____ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

3. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

4. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

5. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

6. This track starts with a _____ guitar riff.
adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

7. Our schools offer _____ education by excellent teachers.
v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. skeptic, 2. daisy, 3. pediatrics, 4. strides, 5. audacious, 6. catchy, 7. individualized

8. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.
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9. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
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10. The _____ politician made a splash in the election, challenging the established incumbents.
- n.* a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer
11. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
- adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 8. miner, 9. philanthropy, 10. upstart, 11. gutsy