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Session 1: Word List

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

metabolite

n. a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions

synonym : intermediate

(1) **metabolite** concentration, (2) drug **metabolite**
The liver **metabolite** levels were higher than usual.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym : measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

chronometer

n. a highly accurate timepiece used for measuring time and determining longitude at sea, typically used by sailors and navigators; a watch or clock that measures time with great precision

synonym : timepiece, stopwatch, watch

(1) precision **chronometer**, (2) marine **chronometer**

The **chronometer** in the observatory provided the exact time for the astronomers.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or

pursuit

synonym : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

unbounded

adj. having no limits or restrictions; limitless; boundless

synonym : limitless, infinite, boundless

(1) **unbounded** optimism, (2) **unbounded** compassion

The artist's creativity was **unbounded**, constantly pushing boundaries with his work.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym : faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym : powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym : federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym : principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
2. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
3. ind_____ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
4. precision chr_____er *n.* a highly accurate timepiece used for measuring time and determining longitude at sea, typically used by sailors and navigators; a watch or clock that measures time with great precision
5. take fo_____ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
6. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
7. qu_____fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
8. marine chr_____er *n.* a highly accurate timepiece used for measuring time and determining longitude at sea, typically used by sailors and navigators; a watch or clock that measures time with great precision
9. 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: 1. medicinal, 2. sabbatical, 3. indistinct, 4. chronometer, 5. forceful, 6. reconstruct, 7. quantify, 8. chronometer, 9. determinant

10. met_____te concentration *n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions
11. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. drug met_____te *n.* a substance produced by metabolic processes in living organisms, especially those that are essential for normal physiological functions
13. un_____ed compassion *adj.* having no limits or restrictions; limitless; boundless
14. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
15. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
16. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
17. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
18. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
19. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
20. the com_____lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

ANSWERS: 10. metabolite, 11. medicinal, 12. metabolite, 13. unbounded, 14. devote, 15. physicist, 16. devote, 17. spoil, 18. hundredfold, 19. reconstruct, 20. commonwealth

21. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
22. qu_____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
23. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
24. improve hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
25. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
26. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
27. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
28. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. com_____lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
30. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
31. ou___n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

ANSWERS: 21. entrepreneurship, 22. quantify, 23. ethos, 24. hundredfold, 25. spoil, 26. physicist, 27. sabbatical, 28. determinant, 29. commonwealth, 30. entrepreneurship, 31. outrun

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36. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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