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Session 1: Word List

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

grabby

adj. excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

synonym: grasping, clutching, seizing

(1) **grabby** hands, (2) **grabby** customer

His **grabby** behavior at the dinner party was embarrassing to all in attendance.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

synonym: refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food

She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

reproducibility

n. the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor

synonym: repeatability, replicability, consistency

(1) **reproducibility** measure, (2) scientific **reproducibility**

The researchers spent considerable effort to ensure the **reproducibility** of their experiments.

pancreas

n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

synonym: gland, organ, islet

(1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function

The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rep_____ity measure *n.* the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor

2. pa_____as function *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

3. pa_____as inflammation *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

4. gr_____y customer *adj.* excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

5. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

6. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

7. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 1. reproducibility, 2. pancreas, 3. pancreas, 4. grabby, 5. prolong, 6. mislead, 7. elevate

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| 8. scientific rep_____ity | <i>n.</i> the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor |
| 9. ab_____n from food | <i>v.</i> to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do |
| 10. s__w social values | <i>v.</i> to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc. |
| 11. gr____y hands | <i>adj.</i> excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner |
| 12. ab_____n on a vote | <i>v.</i> to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do |
| 13. el_____e a close relationship | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position |
| 14. measures to pr_____g the lifespan | <i>v.</i> to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event |
| 15. mi_____d the enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to believe something that is not true |
| 16. s__w the message | <i>v.</i> to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc. |

ANSWERS: 8. reproducibility, 9. abstain, 10. skew, 11. grabby, 12. abstain, 13. elevate, 14. prolong, 15. mislead, 16. skew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
 - v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

2. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
 - v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

3. The endocrine function of the _____ involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.
 - n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

4. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
 - v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

5. His _____ behavior at the dinner party was embarrassing to all in attendance.
 - adj. excessively eager or greedy to obtain or acquire something, particularly in a somewhat aggressive or selfish manner

6. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
 - v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

7. She chose to _____ from alcohol at the party.
 - v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

ANSWERS: 1. prolong, 2. elevates, 3. pancreas, 4. skewed, 5. grabby, 6. mislead, 7. abstain

8. The researchers spent considerable effort to ensure the _____ of their experiments.

- n.* the ability of an experiment, study, or result to be replicated or repeated by different researchers or laboratories, often seen as a key aspect of scientific rigor

ANSWERS: 8. reproducibility