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Session 1: Word List

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region

He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

antihero

n. a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior

synonym: outlaw, rogue, villain

(1) mythic **antihero**, (2) literary **antihero**

The **antihero** in the movie was not necessarily evil but had a moral code that was different from society's norms.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pl____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
2. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
3. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
4. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
5. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
6. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
7. up_____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
8. political pl____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
9. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 1. playbook, 2. brag, 3. peel, 4. broth, 5. worthless, 6. broth, 7. upstate, 8. playbook, 9. shepherd

10. un_____h a hound
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
11. mythic an_____ro
n. a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior
12. literary an_____ro
n. a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior
13. up_____e Connecticut
adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
14. p__l off easily
v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
15. b__g to each other
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
16. un_____h her anger
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
17. sh_____rd boy
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
18. wo_____ss coin
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 10. unleash, 11. antihero, 12. antihero, 13. upstate, 14. peel, 15. brag, 16. unleash, 17. shepherd, 18. worthless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
 - v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

2. He grew up in a small town in _____ New York.
 - adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

3. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
 - v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

4. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
 - n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

5. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
 - n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

6. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
 - adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

7. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
 - v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 1. bragging, 2. upstate, 3. peeled, 4. broth, 5. playbook, 6. worthless, 7. unleash

8. The _____ in the movie was not necessarily evil but had a moral code that was different from society's norms.
- n.* a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior
9. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

ANSWERS: 8. antihero, 9. shepherd's