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Session 1: Word List

roundtable

adj. characterized by equal participation or discussion among all parties involved; characterized by collaboration and teamwork rather than hierarchy or authority; (noun) a discussion or meeting format in which participants gather around a table that is usually circular

synonym: collaborative, consultative, cooperative

(1) business **roundtable**, (2) **roundtable** conference

The **roundtable** discussion provided valuable insights and perspectives from all participants.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

meritocratic

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

synonym: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym : celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym : rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym : distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym: diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

Session 2: Spelling

1. business rou_____le
adj. characterized by equal participation or discussion among all parties involved; characterized by collaboration and teamwork rather than hierarchy or authority; (noun) a discussion or meeting format in which participants gather around a table that is usually circular
2. no asp_____on for fame
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
3. su_____ar athlete
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
4. as____d to power
v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
5. di____t attention
v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
6. jazz su_____ar
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
7. har_____ng student
adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care
8. mer_____tic society
adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

ANSWERS: 1. roundtable, 2. aspiration, 3. superstar, 4. ascend, 5. divert, 6. superstar, 7. hardworking, 8. meritocratic

9. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
10. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
13. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
14. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
15. rou_____le conference *adj.* characterized by equal participation or discussion among all parties involved; characterized by collaboration and teamwork rather than hierarchy or authority; (noun) a discussion or meeting format in which participants gather around a table that is usually circular
16. retire from har_____ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
17. mer_____tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
18. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 9. excite, 10. opportune, 11. opportune, 12. blacksmith, 13. blacksmith, 14. aspiration, 15. roundtable, 16. hardworking, 17. meritocratic, 18. excite

19. di___t an assault

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

20. as___d the ladder

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 19. divert, 20. ascend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They sought candidates with _____ and good-natured.
adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. The company prides itself on being _____ in its hiring and promotion practices.
adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
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v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
6. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
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ANSWERS: 1. hardworking, 2. opportune, 3. meritocratic, 4. roundtable, 5. excited, 6. blacksmith, 7. aspiration

8. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.
- v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
9. She is a _____ in the music industry.
- n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete
10. The plane began to _____ into the sky.
- v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 8. divert, 9. superstar, 10. ascend