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Session 1: Word List

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. medical in___n
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
2. hear customer's voices fi_____nd
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
3. sub_____ous behavior
adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
4. in___n civilians
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
5. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. dr_____c measures
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
7. conduct fi_____nd research
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 1. intern, 2. firsthand, 3. subconscious, 4. intern, 5. rev, 6. drastic, 7. firsthand

8. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
9. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
10. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
11. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
12. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
13. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
14. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
15. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 8. rev, 9. lurk, 10. lurk, 11. curate, 12. deem, 13. subconscious, 14. confuse, 15. stereotype

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
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2. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
 - v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

3. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
 - n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

4. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
 - v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

5. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
 - v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

6. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
 - adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 1. curate, 2. interned, 3. stereotypes, 4. lurks, 5. deemed, 6. subconscious

7. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
8. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
9. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
10. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
11. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
- adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 7. firsthand, 8. rev, 9. confused, 10. empowered, 11. drastic