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Session 1: Word List

workaholic

n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

synonym: workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**

The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

streamline

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

synonym: simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

synonym : sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

Session 2: Spelling

1. li_____te debt
v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
2. ho_____y audience
v. to shock or disgust greatly
3. re_____e the cardboard boxes
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
4. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. wor_____ic habits
n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
6. killer a_p
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
7. we___e on a loom
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
8. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. ho_____y victims
v. to shock or disgust greatly
10. cannot log in to the a_p
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 1. liquidate, 2. horrify, 3. recycle, 4. opportune, 5. workaholic, 6. app, 7. weave, 8. opportune, 9. horrify, 10. app

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| 11. self-proclaimed wor_____ic | <i>n.</i> | a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively |
| 12. sc_____le for support | <i>v.</i> | to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you |
| 13. Internet ad_____t | <i>n.</i> | a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 14. a drug ad_____t | <i>n.</i> | a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 15. re_____e milk packaging into new paper | <i>v.</i> | to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 16. do_____e in daily life | <i>adj.</i> | possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true |
| 17. we____e a story | <i>v.</i> | to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |
| 18. li_____te a company | <i>v.</i> | to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely |
| 19. str_____ne workflow | <i>v.</i> | to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps |
| 20. str_____ne administrative activities | <i>v.</i> | to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps |
| 21. make a do_____e plan | <i>adj.</i> | possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true |

ANSWERS: 11. workaholic, 12. scramble, 13. addict, 14. addict, 15. recycle, 16. doable, 17. weave, 18. liquidate, 19. streamline, 20. streamline, 21. doable

22. sc_____le my mind

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 22. scramble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. app's, 3. horrify, 4. recycle, 5. liquidate, 6. workaholic, 7. weaves

8. The government plans to _____ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

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9. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

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n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

11. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 8. streamline, 9. doable, 10. addicts, 11. scrambled