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Session 1: Word List

tug v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
synonym: draw, jerk, pull
(1) **tug** a rope, (2) **tug** at his hand
This movie **tugs** at everyone's heartstrings.

transnational *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
synonym: international, global, cross-border
(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime
The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

detract v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
synonym: take away, draw away, diminish
(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame
His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym : glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

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.

conundrum

n. a confusing and difficult problem or question

synonym : puzzle, riddle, enigma

(1) **conundrum** of choice, (2) pose a **conundrum**

The group faced a **conundrum** when they couldn't decide whether to go hiking or to the beach.

technocracy

n. a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power

(1) **technocracy** system, (2) **technocracy** ideology

Critics of **technocracy** argue that it is inherently undemocratic, as it puts the power in the hands of a small, privileged elite.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift
The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

Session 2: Spelling

1. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
2. co_____um of choice *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question
3. tec_____cy system *n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power
4. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
5. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
6. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

ANSWERS: 1. endowment, 2. conundrum, 3. technocracy, 4. scoot, 5. steward, 6. transnational

7. t_g at his hand *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
8. tec_____cy ideology *n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power
9. pose a co_____um *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question
10. t_g a rope *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
11. en_____nt gift *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
12. de_____t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
13. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
14. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
15. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
16. de_____t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

ANSWERS: 7. tug, 8. technocracy, 9. conundrum, 10. tug, 11. endowment, 12. detract, 13. blacksmith, 14. steward, 15. blacksmith, 16. detract

17. tra_____nal crime

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

18. sc__t over

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

ANSWERS: 17. transnational, 18. scoot

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Critics of _____ argue that it is inherently undemocratic, as it puts the power in the hands of a small, privileged elite.
 - n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power
2. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
 - n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
3. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.
 - v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
4. This movie _____ at everyone's heartstrings.
 - v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
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6. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
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7. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
 - n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. technocracy, 2. blacksmith, 3. scoot, 4. tugs, 5. endowment, 6. transnational, 7. steward

8. The group faced a _____ when they couldn't decide whether to go hiking or to the beach.

n. a confusing and difficult problem or question

9. His terrible manners _____ from his good character.

v. to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

ANSWERS: 8. conundrum, 9. detract