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Session 1: Word List

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

downlink

n. a communication link that is used to transmit data or signals from a satellite or space vehicle to a receiving station on Earth

synonym : receiving signal, transmission signal

(1) **downlink** speed, (2) digital **downlink**

The **downlink** from the satellite provided important data to the research team.

deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

synonym : clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

lapse

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

synonym: break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment
I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

sizable

adj. large in size or amount

synonym: large, significant, considerable

(1) **sizable** portion, (2) **sizable** audience

He has a **sizable** fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. si____e audience | <i>adj.</i> large in size or amount |
| 2. be____n of hope | <i>n.</i> a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning |
| 3. an aerial be____n | <i>n.</i> a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning |
| 4. de____st a mountain | <i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees |
| 5. la__e back into recession | <i>n.</i> a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended |
| 6. digital do____nk | <i>n.</i> a communication link that is used to transmit data or signals from a satellite or space vehicle to a receiving station on Earth |
| 7. de____st millions of acres | <i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees |
| 8. si____e portion | <i>adj.</i> large in size or amount |
| 9. la__e in payment | <i>n.</i> a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended |

ANSWERS: 1. sizable, 2. beacon, 3. beacon, 4. deforest, 5. lapse, 6. downlink, 7. deforest, 8. sizable, 9. lapse

10. do_____nk speed *n.* a communication link that is used to transmit data or signals from a satellite or space vehicle to a receiving station on Earth
11. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
12. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 10. downlink, 11. astronaut, 12. astronaut

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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n. a communication link that is used to transmit data or signals from a satellite or space vehicle to a receiving station on Earth

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n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

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v. to clear an area of forest or trees

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adj. large in size or amount

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n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

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ANSWERS: 1. downlink, 2. beacon, 3. deforest, 4. sizable, 5. astronaut, 6. lapse