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Session 1: Word List

caribou

n. a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

synonym : reindeer, deer

(1) **caribou** herd, (2) reintroduce **caribou**

Caribou migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

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.

audiology

n. the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties

synonym : hearing science, hearing healthcare, audiometry

(1) **audiology** clinic, (2) **audiology** test

The healthcare facility's **audiology** department provides comprehensive audiological services to patients.

soundproof

v. to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it

synonym: insulate, muffle, dampen

(1) **soundproof** room, (2) **soundproof** material

The walls of the recording studio were **soundproofed** to eliminate outside noise.

telemedicine

n. the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services

synonym: remote healthcare, online medicine, virtual care

(1) **telemedicine** consultation, (2) **telemedicine** technology

Due to the pandemic, many doctors have started offering **telemedicine** appointments.

triage

n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym: sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

attenuate

v. to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense

synonym: weaken, reduce, diminish

(1) **attenuate** the signal, (2) **attenuate** the power

The scientist was able to **attenuate** the virus by altering its genetic code.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

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. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. sou_____of room
v. to make a room or other enclosed space impervious to sound by reducing the transmission of sound through its walls or floor and ceiling; (adjective, of a building) not allowing sound to pass through it
3. tel_____ine consultation
n. the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services
4. au_____gy clinic
n. the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties
5. sub_____an countries
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
6. at_____te the power
v. to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense
7. au_____gy test
n. the study of hearing and hearing disorders, including the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and communication difficulties
8. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. soundproof, 3. telemedicine, 4. audiology, 5. sub-Saharan, 6. attenuate, 7. audiology, 8. opportune

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14. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
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16. tel_____ine technology *n.* the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunications technology, such as video conferencing, phone calls, or messaging services
17. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. caribou, 10. attenuate, 11. sub-Saharan, 12. caribou, 13. triage, 14. empower, 15. soundproof, 16. telemedicine, 17. opportune

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20. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

ANSWERS: 18. revolutionize, 19. triage, 20. revolutionize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
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ANSWERS: 8. attenuate, 9. telemedicine, 10. triage