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Session 1: Word List

panhandle

v. to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

synonym : beg, solicit, plead

(1) **panhandle** for food, (2) the Texas **panhandle**

I must **panhandle** for money if I can't find a job soon.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

fiesta

n. a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event

synonym : fete, celebration, festival

(1) **fiesta** decorations, (2) **fiesta** music

The neighborhood was alive with music and laughter during the annual **fiesta** celebration.

punitive

adj. relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining

synonym : punishing, retributive, disciplinary

(1) **punitive** response, (2) **punitive** damages

His coworkers deemed the **punitive** measures taken against the employee too harsh.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym : bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

agility

n. the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimbleness, quickness, dexterity

(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training

The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to improve their coordination.

onboard

v. to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

synonym : embark, aboard, on-load

(1) **onboard** the new employees, (2) **onboard** computer

The passengers were instructed to **onboard** the aircraft as quickly as possible so that the flight could depart on time.

tumbleweed

n. a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

(1) lonely **tumbleweed**, (2) **tumbleweed** rolling

The barren landscape was filled with **tumbleweeds**, blown

around by the strong desert winds.

medically

adv. in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury

(1) **medically** endorsed method, (2) in a **medically** effective manner

A decade ago, it was **medically** impossible to cure this disease completely.

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.

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym : larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym : collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to

listen to any other points of view.

sheltered

adj. protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

synonym : protected, secure, guarded

(1) **sheltered** life, (2) **sheltered** housing

The birds found **sheltered** spots in the trees to avoid the rain.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

synonym : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
2. co____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
3. in a me_____ly effective manner *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
4. co____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
5. pu____ve response *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
6. te____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
7. pa___y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

ANSWERS: 1. hustle, 2. commend, 3. medically, 4. commend, 5. punitive, 6. teamwork, 7. pantry

8. ninja-like ag____y *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
9. kitchen pa____y *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
10. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
11. poor te____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
12. lonely tum_____ed *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants
13. st____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
14. tum_____ed rolling *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

ANSWERS: 8. agility, 9. pantry, 10. compassionate, 11. teamwork, 12. tumbleweed, 13. stubborn, 14. tumbleweed

15. on____d computer *v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device
16. fi____a music *n.* a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event
17. sh_____ed housing *adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life
18. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
19. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
20. pu_____ve damages *adj.* relating to or involving punishment or inflicting punishment; aimed at punishing or disciplining
21. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. pa_____le for food *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

ANSWERS: 15. onboard, 16. fiesta, 17. sheltered, 18. stubborn, 19. profoundly, 20. punitive, 21. opportune, 22. panhandle

23. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
24. me_____ly endorsed method *adv.* in a way that relates to the practice of medicine and the treatment of illness and injury
25. ag_____y training *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
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31. com_____ate leave

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

32. an op_____ne remark

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 31. compassionate, 32. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
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ANSWERS: 14. punitive, 15. panhandle, 16. profoundly,