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Session 1: Word List

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

geotag

n. a tag or label added to a digital media file, often a photograph or video that indicates the location where it was taken or recorded

synonym : location tag

(1) **geotag** location, (2) **geotag** function

Some GPS devices allow users to add a **geotag** to their photos for easy organization.

bullseye

n. the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve

synonym : target, mark, aim

(1) **bullseye** target, (2) miss the **bullseye**

The archer hit the **bullseye** with perfect precision from 50 yards away.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym: notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

provable

adj. capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning

synonym: evident, verifiable, demonstrable

(1) **provable** fact, (2) **provable** theory

The defense found no **provable** evidence to support the accusations against their client.

pall

n. a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting

synonym: boredom, weariness, monotony

(1) a **pall** of darkness, (2) **pall** of sadness

The news of the tragedy cast a **pall** over the entire community.

timestamp

n. a record in printed or digital form that shows when a specific event happened, usually giving the date and time of day

(1) the **timestamp** on a file, (2) a UNIX **timestamp**

The engineer checked the log records' **timestamps** to investigate the system's bug.

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.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ge___g function *n.* a tag or label added to a digital media file, often a photograph or video that indicates the location where it was taken or recorded
2. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
3. 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
4. di___se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
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ANSWERS: 1. geotag, 2. fingerprint, 3. app, 4. dispense, 5. pall, 6. cafeteria, 7. fingerprint, 8. timestamp, 9. dispense

10. pr____le fact *adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning
11. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
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