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Session 1: Word List

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym : discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

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.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the

premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym: stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

Bitcoin

n. a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

synonym: cryptocurrency, digital currency

(1) **Bitcoin** wallet, (2) **Bitcoin** transaction

Many businesses now accept **Bitcoin** as a form of payment.

crypto

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym: digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

overdue

adj. past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed

synonym : late, delinquent, outstanding

(1) **overdue** bill, (2) **overdue** task

Her library books were **overdue**, so she had to pay a fine to check out more.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the movement of mi_____t birds | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 2. opp_____ve governments | <i>adj.</i> treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way |
| 3. n_g about the minor thing | <i>v.</i> to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse |
| 4. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 5. n_g political leaders | <i>v.</i> to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse |
| 6. dw_____e to almost nothing | <i>v.</i> to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller |
| 7. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 8. tr_____e down my cheek | <i>v.</i> to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities |

ANSWERS: 1. migrant, 2. oppressive, 3. nag, 4. posit, 5. nag, 6. dwindle, 7. app, 8. trickle

9. ov_____e bill *adj.* past the expected or scheduled time; not completed or paid on time; delayed, tardy, or postponed
10. Bi_____n wallet *n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
11. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
12. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
13. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
15. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
16. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
17. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
18. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 9. overdue, 10. Bitcoin, 11. industrious, 12. dwindle, 13. smartphone, 14. posit, 15. oppressive, 16. footprint, 17. dissent, 18. smartphone

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adj. not planned or meant
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ANSWERS: 19. Bitcoin, 20. industrious, 21. migrant, 22. unintended, 23. crypto, 24. overdue, 25. dissent, 26. trickle

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32. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 27. swoop, 28. crypto, 29. footprint, 30. unintended, 31. app, 32. swoop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. app's, 3. oppressive, 4. footprint, 5. trickle, 6. Bitcoin, 7. dwindled, 8. dissent

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ANSWERS: 9. migrant, 10. nagging, 11. crypto, 12. posit, 13. smartphones, 14. unintended, 15. overdue,

16. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.

- v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 16. swooped