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Session 1: Word List

consign

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

synonym: transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

firstborn

adj. the first child born to a mother

synonym: eldest, older, primary

(1) **firstborn** female child, (2) **firstborn** grandchild

The **firstborn** child is often the parents' favorite.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past

human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

barter

n. the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

synonym: trade, exchange, swap

(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy

The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

precondition

n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

haggle

v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

synonym: bargain, negotiate, deal

(1) **haggle** over the price, (2) **haggle** at the flea market
I could **haggle** with the vendor and lower the item's price.

reciprocity

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

synonym: mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

obligate

v. to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something

synonym: compel, require, bind

(1) **obligate** businesses to provide health insurance, (2) be **obligated** to attend the session

The contract **obligates** me to complete the work by the end of the month.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym: owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

potluck

n. a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation

synonym: community meal, shared meal

(1) **potluck** dinner, (2) **potluck** party

Everyone brought a dish to share for the office **potluck**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr____ge company | <i>n.</i> respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality |
| 2. essential pre______ion | <i>n.</i> a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible |
| 3. be ob____ted to attend the session | <i>v.</i> to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something |
| 4. a det____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 5. apparently con______ory | <i>adj.</i> containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 6. ind______ized textile production | <i>v.</i> to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 7. a ba____r economy | <i>n.</i> the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly |
| 8. po____k dinner | <i>n.</i> a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation |

ANSWERS: 1. prestige, 2. precondition, 3. obligate, 4. determinant, 5. contradictory, 6. industrialize, 7. barter, 8. potluck

9. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
10. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
11. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
12. fi_____rn female child *adj.* the first child born to a mother
13. pre_____ion agreement *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
14. co_____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
15. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
16. ha___e at the flea market *v.* to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

ANSWERS: 9. determinant, 10. indebted, 11. intellect, 12. firstborn, 13. precondition, 14. consign, 15. prestige, 16. haggle

17. ha___e over the price *v.* to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction
18. fi_____rn grandchild *adj.* the first child born to a mother
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21. ob_____te businesses to provide health insurance *v.* to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something
22. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
23. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
24. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 17. haggle, 18. firstborn, 19. potluck, 20. barter, 21. obligate, 22. canoe, 23. industrialize, 24. anthropology

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32. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

ANSWERS: 25. reciprocity, 26. intellect, 27. anthropology, 28. indebted, 29. reciprocity, 30. consign, 31. canoe, 32. contradictory

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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v. to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 15. canoe, 16. industrialize