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Session 1: Word List

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

militia

n. a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

synonym: reserves

(1) **militia** groups, (2) armed **militia**

Militia suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

unarmed

adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

synonym : defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym : plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym : climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket

The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

peacemaker

n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

synonym : mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

Session 2: Spelling

1. violent con_____ion
n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
2. motion b__r
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
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adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
7. un_____d combat
adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
8. mul_____ing ability
n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

ANSWERS: 1. confrontation, 2. blur, 3. insurgent, 4. militia, 5. nonviolence, 6. insurgent, 7. unarmed, 8. multitasking

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| 9. computer mul_____ing | <i>n.</i> the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time |
| 10. presidential el_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who has the right to vote in an election |
| 11. s_w a button | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
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ANSWERS: 9. multitasking, 10. elector, 11. sew, 12. confrontation, 13. peacemaker, 14. peacemaker, 15. elector, 16. blur, 17. sew, 18. loot

26. spiritual as___t

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ANSWERS: 26. ascent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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