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Session 1: Word List

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

recyclability

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

synonym: reusability, sustainability, renewability

(1) **recyclability** rate, (2) low **recyclability** problem

The **recyclability** of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

podiatrist

n. a medical professional who specializes in the care and treatment of conditions related to the feet, ankles, and lower legs; a foot doctor

synonym : foot doctor, podologist, chiropodist

(1) licensed **podiatrist**, (2) experienced **podiatrist**

I need to schedule an appointment with a professional **podiatrist** to examine my foot.

stylist

n. a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way

synonym : hairdresser, designer, fashionista

(1) personal **stylist**, (2) fashion **stylist**

She visited her favorite **stylist** for a new haircut and fashion advice.

renovate

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym : renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rec_____ity rate *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

2. personal st_____t *n.* a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way

3. low rec_____ity problem *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

4. fashion st_____t *n.* a person who specializes in creating or maintaining a specific style, especially in hairdressing or fashion; someone who has a talent for arranging or presenting things in an attractive or distinctive way

5. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

6. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 1. recyclability, 2. stylist, 3. recyclability, 4. stylist, 5. pimp, 6. recycle

7. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
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ANSWERS: 7. superpower, 8. renovate, 9. superhero, 10. podiatrist, 11. plunge, 12. renovate, 13. superhero, 14. podiatrist

15. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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