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Session 1: Word List

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym : step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym: support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

chickpea

n. a round, pale-colored, edible legume with a nutty taste, also known as a garbanzo bean, commonly used in Middle Eastern and Indian cooking

synonym: garbanzo bean, chana

(1) **chickpea** salad, (2) **chickpea** curry

I love adding **chickpeas** to my salads for some extra protein and texture.

orchestrate

v. to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

synonym: plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

floodgate

n. a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion

synonym: dam, barrier, gate

(1) closing of the **floodgate**, (2) loose **floodgates** of grief

The company's innovative product release opened the **floodgates** for competitors to follow suit.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

swipe

- v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

revolutionize

- v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

facet

- n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym: aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
2. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
3. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
4. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
5. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
6. fa__t to a question *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
7. orc_____te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. disrupt, 3. undeniable, 4. swipe, 5. swipe, 6. facet, 7. orchestrate

8. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
9. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
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16. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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