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Session 1: Word List

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or

magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

quadrilateral

n. a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles

synonym : quadrangle, tetragon, four-sided figure

(1) convex **quadrilateral**, (2) irregular **quadrilateral**

The park has a **quadrilateral** layout that includes four distinct areas for recreation.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym : prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

abbreviation

n. a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use

synonym : short form, acronym, initialism

(1) currency **abbreviation**, (2) **abbreviation** of the full name

In the medical field, service **abbreviation** refers to medical procedures, diagnoses, and medications.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds
Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
2. abb_____ion of the full name *n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use
3. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
4. irregular qua_____ral *n.* a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
5. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
6. ast_____cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
7. ast_____cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
8. convex qua_____ral *n.* a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
9. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
10. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 1. rectangle, 2. abbreviation, 3. rectangle, 4. quadrilateral, 5. tempt, 6. astronomical, 7. astronomical, 8. quadrilateral, 9. tempt, 10. assassination

11. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
12. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
13. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
14. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
15. currency abb_____ion *n.* a shortened form of a word or phrase used to represent the whole, typically for ease of use
16. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
17. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
18. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 11. assassination, 12. conceal, 13. prophecy, 14. exhaustive, 15. abbreviation, 16. exhaustive, 17. prophecy, 18. conceal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
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v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
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n. a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
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v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
6. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
7. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

ANSWERS: 1. assassination, 2. concealed, 3. abbreviation, 4. quadrilateral, 5. tempted, 6. prophecy, 7. exhaustive

8. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.
- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
9. The cost of the new equipment was _____ and beyond the company's budget.
- adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

ANSWERS: 8. rectangle-shaped, 9. astronomical