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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

loudspeaker

n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

synonym : speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

underfunded

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

synonym : undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs

The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

codec

n. a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage

synonym : compression-decompression algorithm

(1) audio **codec**, (2) video **codec**

The video file could not be played because the necessary **codec** was missing.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
2. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
3. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
4. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5. lou_____er system *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
6. video co__c *n.* a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage
7. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
8. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 1. adaptable, 2. instinct, 3. recession, 4. excite, 5. loudspeaker, 6. codec, 7. adaptable, 8. instinct

9. und_____ed programs *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
10. wireless lou_____er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
11. severely und_____ed *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
12. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
13. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
14. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. audio co__c *n.* a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage
16. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 9. underfunded, 10. loudspeaker, 11. underfunded, 12. doe, 13. recession, 14. excite, 15. codec, 16. doe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
2. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
3. The video file could not be played because the necessary _____ was missing.
n. a device or software algorithm that compresses or decompresses digital audio or video data, allowing for efficient transmission or storage
4. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5. The teacher spoke through the _____ so that every student could hear the announcement.
n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
6. The healthcare system is _____ and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.
adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
7. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.
adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

ANSWERS: 1. instinct, 2. recession, 3. codec, 4. excited, 5. loudspeaker, 6. underfunded, 7. adaptable

8. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 8. doe