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Session 1: Word List

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

roadway

n. the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders

synonym: highway, street, thoroughfare

(1) busy **roadway**, (2) **roadway** asphalt

Cyclists are not allowed on the highway **roadway** for safety reasons.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym: classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

short-range

adj. limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time

synonym: close-range, limited-range, near-range

(1) **short-range** plan, (2) **short-range** communication

The missile system was designed for **short-range** attacks on enemy territory.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

disconcert

v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

synonym: unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pri_____ze people over cars | v. | to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 2. business da_____rd | n. | a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview |
| 3. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter | adj. | having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
| 4. be___y a friend | v. | to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |
| 5. sho_____ge communication | adj. | limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time |
| 6. dis_____ed by a conversation | adj. | having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
| 7. a tra_____ry missile | n. | the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 8. the wh_____r of the leaves | v. | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |

ANSWERS: 1. prioritize, 2. dashboard, 3. distracted, 4. betray, 5. short-range, 6. distracted, 7. trajectory, 8. whisper

9. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
10. dis_____rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
11. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
12. sho_____ge plan *adj.* limited in extent, scope, or distance; designed or intended to operate or be effective only over a short distance or period of time
13. ro_____y asphalt *n.* the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders
14. dis_____rt his plans *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
15. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
16. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
17. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
18. busy ro_____y *n.* the part of a thoroughfare or highway that is used by vehicles for driving, including the hard surface and shoulders

ANSWERS: 9. trajectory, 10. disconcert, 11. slam, 12. short-range, 13. roadway, 14. disconcert, 15. prioritize, 16. slam, 17. betray, 18. roadway

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ANSWERS: 19. Newtonian, 20. dashboard, 21. Newtonian, 22. whisper

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
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ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. Newtonian, 3. prioritized, 4. betrayed, 5. roadway, 6. short-range, 7. dashboard

8. His sudden departure _____ the team.

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11. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

- v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 8. disconcerted, 9. whispered, 10. distracted, 11. slammed